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# INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

*A Handbook*

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To  
the Memory of  
**CLEVELAND HOADLEY DODGE**  
whose unfaltering Faith  
and unfailing support of  
**NEAR EAST RELIEF**  
made possible its demonstration  
of the international value of practicing the  
**GOLDEN RULE**  
this volume is gratefully dedicated

## FOUNDER OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

There probably would have been no such organization as Near East Relief had it not been for Cleveland H. Dodge. He was easily the largest contributor to the work of saving a million lives, educating tens of thousands of orphan children and laying the foundation for a new Near East and a better world. But vastly more important than all his large gifts of money he gave himself. It was his faith, sympathy, courage, inspiring personality and leadership even more than his money that made Near East Relief and that for generations to come will continue to make a better world.

He has left with us a great and priceless legacy. He, with other contributors, has laid a foundation of international good will upon which a worthy superstructure must be built in order to insure abiding world peace and brotherhood. Out of his leadership of Near East Relief has grown the institution of International Golden Rule Sunday, now observed in fifty countries. Mr. Dodge was the first sponsor and honorary chairman of the National Golden Rule Committee. In his memory and in allegiance to the Great Teacher of the Golden Rule, citizens of all nations break bread together on International Golden Rule Sunday in an international communal meal, acknowledging the folly and iniquity of war, and recognizing the brotherhood of man, the Fatherhood of God and the eternal obligation of the strong to help the weak.

*"Oh God, to us may grace be given  
To follow in his train."*



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## PART I

### I

## INTRODUCTION

International Golden Rule Sunday comes into our calendar and into our contemporary life at a time when the world needs its lesson and its benign influence. In our calendar it finds a place midway between the feasts of Thanksgiving and Christmas—these two red-letter days associated in our minds with abundance and rejoicing and good cheer.

These two established festivals also remind us of those less fortunate than ourselves, and afford welcome occasion for kindness in domestic circles and for generosity at large. But the observance of Golden Rule Sunday, as a new day in the calendar of civilized peoples, has a definite and explicit significance of its own. It is to unify humanity through application of the principle of charity. Certainly it should affect us in the use of all our time; but this can best be achieved by the setting apart of one particular day.

Golden Rule Sunday makes its historic appearance at the ending of the World War with its aftermath of bitterness, poverty, and international ill-will. It evokes the spirit of universal brotherhood, and makes its call for mutual service of a practical kind in order to counteract the hatreds engendered by the recent period of conflict and strife.

Observed last year in fifty countries, it is fitting as President Coolidge has suggested in his letter, that the

beneficent use of this day should be extended to relieve distress and banish bitterness elsewhere. Appropriately, the benefits from Golden Rule Sunday were first applied to orphan children of Bible lands whence we received the Golden Rule precept. But the Golden Rule is not local or parochial. It is not limited by time or space. This great maxim for conduct, as given 2,000 years ago and invoked for the orphan children of the Near East, is applicable to the distressed and underprivileged wherever found. If this service can be extended through the increasing observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, it will do much toward removing the misunderstandings and narrow rivalries that prey upon the moral and economic welfare of nations.

ALBERT SHAW.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1926.

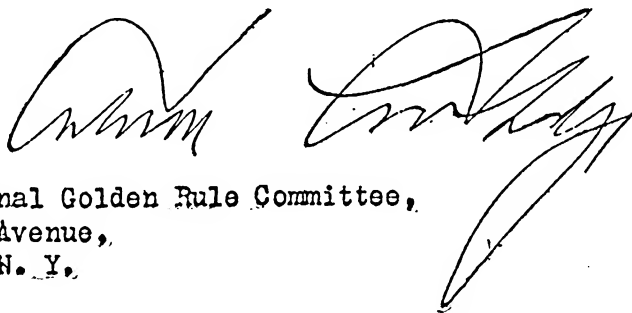
Gentlemen:

I regard International Golden Rule Sunday as a movement of much importance. Begun in an attempt to care for the orphaned children of Bible lands, it has been extended to other countries.

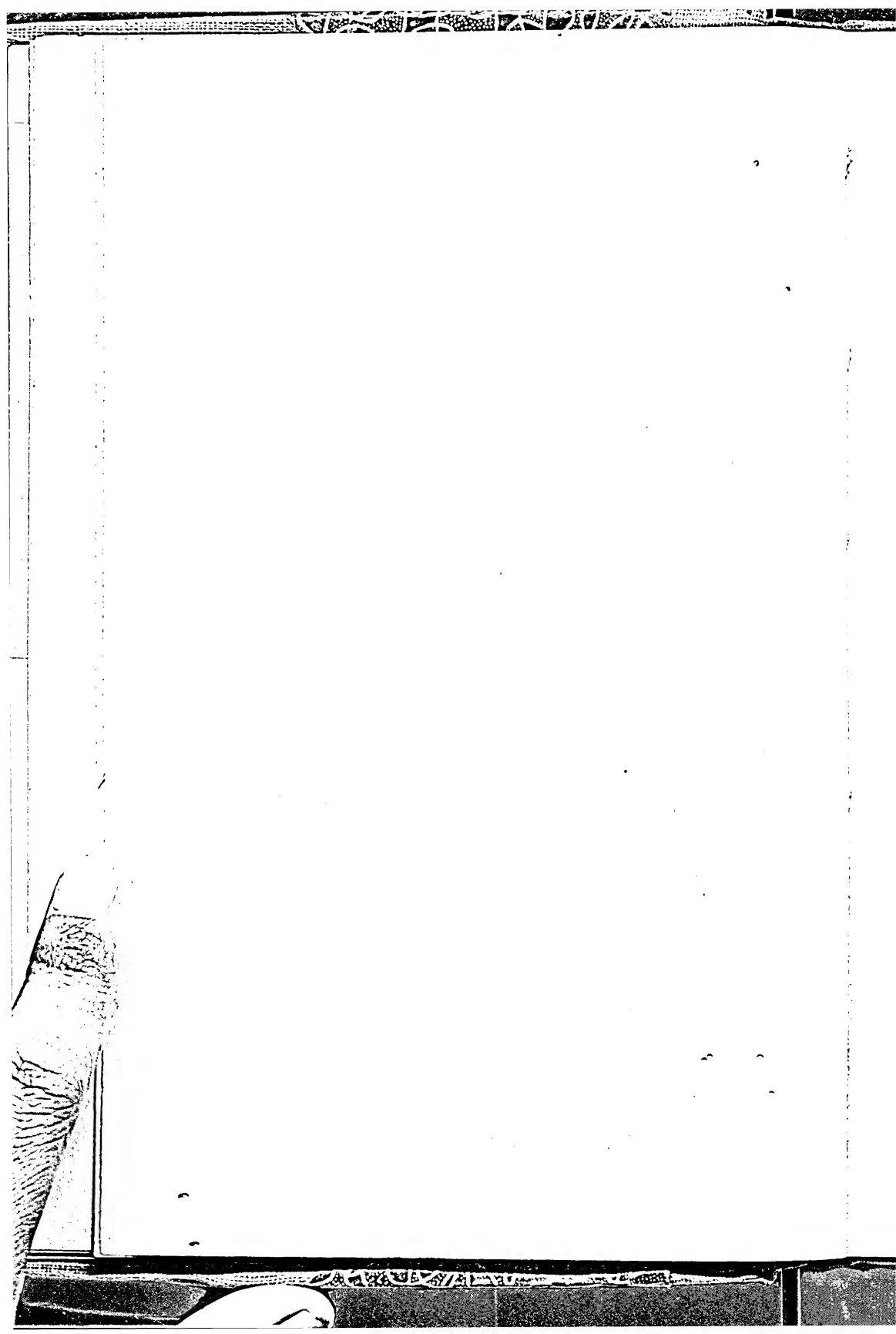
Practical help is the best expression of friendship. The aid we may give out of our abundance to those less fortunately situated than we should be of great value in bringing about the application of the Golden Rule to the settlement of misunderstandings among nations as well as among individuals.

I hope the voluntary observance of this day may become increasingly prevalent in America and throughout the World.

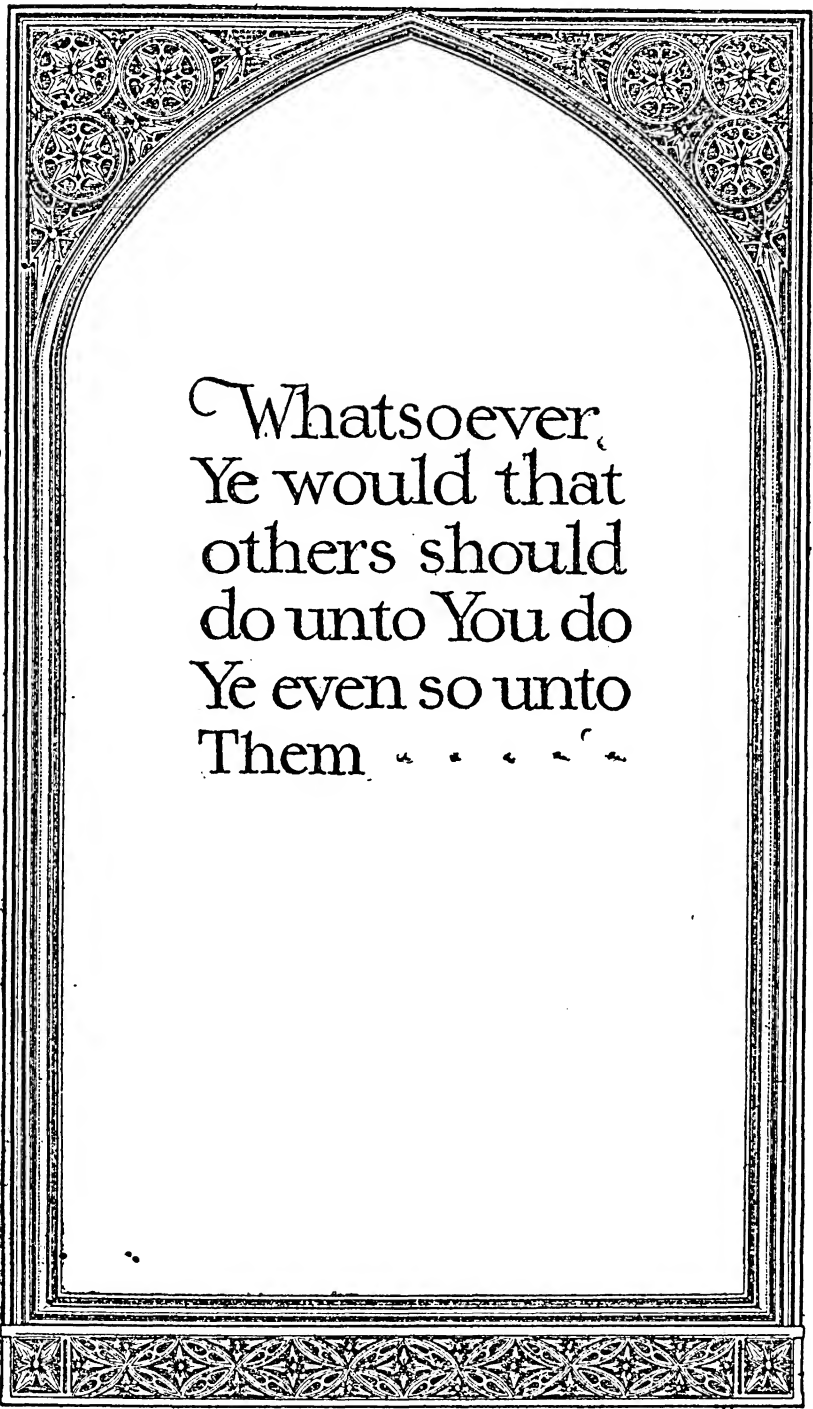
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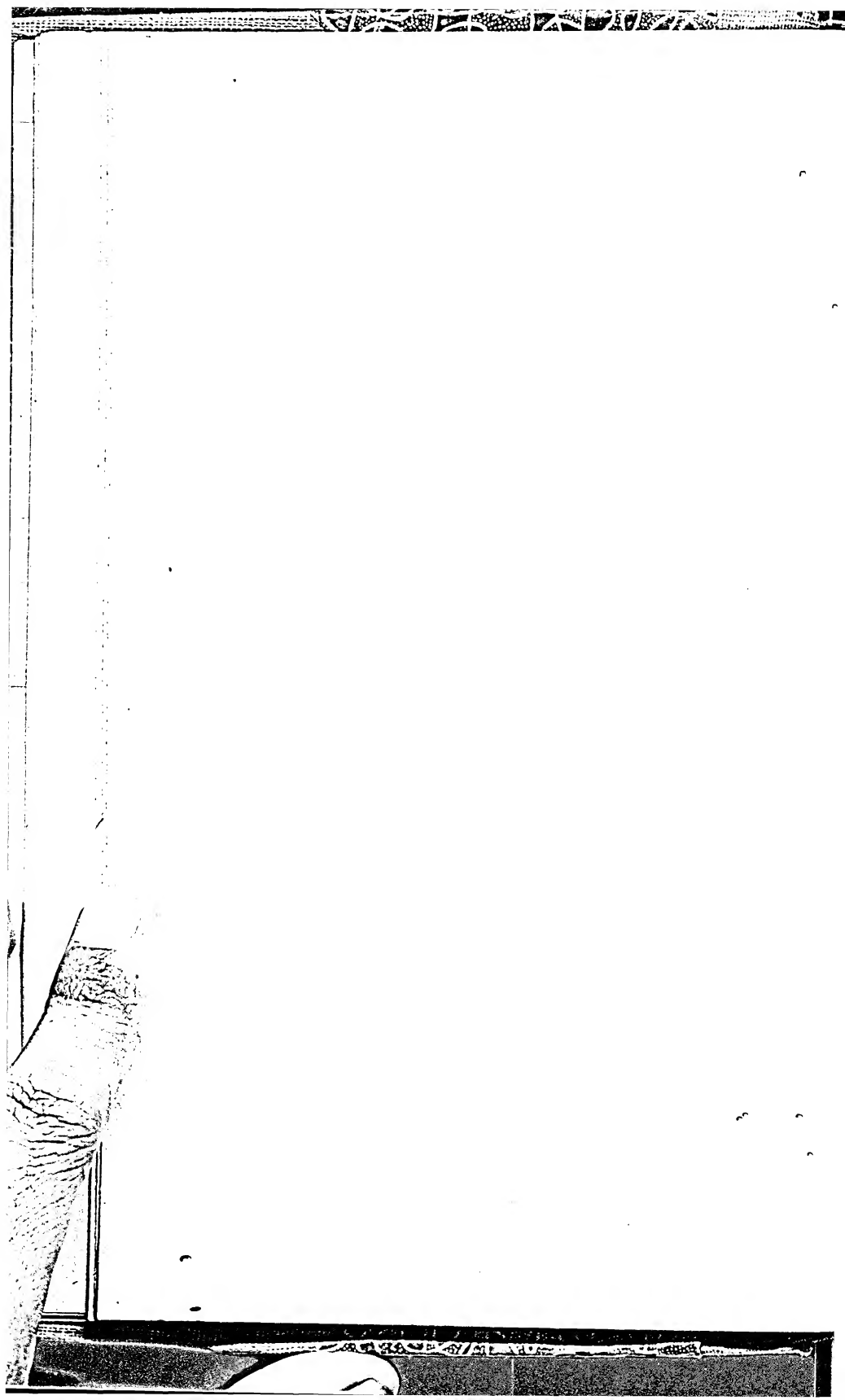
International Golden Rule Committee,  
151 Fifth Avenue,  
New York. N. Y.







Whatsoever,  
Ye would that  
others should  
do unto You do  
Ye even so unto  
Them . . . . .



### III

## THE GOLDEN PRECEPT

**M**ANY centuries ago a golden precept was given to the world.

This precept, obeyed, would have brought peace and prosperity bordering upon the millennium to all mankind.

But sin and selfishness flouted that precept and brought sorrow and suffering.

Ceaseless wars and strife have marred the centuries.

Within our own day millions of our fellowmen, including intimate friends and loved ones, have been needlessly sacrificed, untold billions of property have been destroyed and burdensome taxes levied because men forgot or trampled upon the golden precept.

## IV

### THE GOLDEN RULE

#### A UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED STANDARD OF CONDUCT

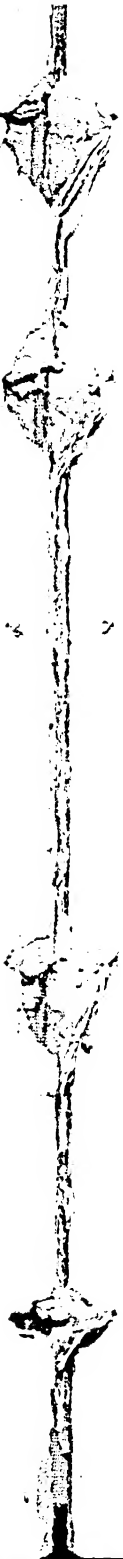
The Golden Rule is a common denominator of all religions. No other creed or ethical formula meets with such acceptance. Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Confucian, Modernist and Fundamentalist, Royalist and Communist, Radical and Conservative all accept the Golden Rule. It is a universally accepted standard of conduct for all people. The Golden Rule is eternal as it is universal. "This is the Law and the Prophets," the basis of the Mosaic Law, the heart of the Christian gospel, and an abiding, constructive principle leading toward the millennium.

#### A FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR ABIDING WORLD PEACE

Permanent peace cannot be enforced by armies and navies or decreed by legislative fiat. Abiding peace will come only when there is good-will *in the hearts of the individual citizens* who compose the nations. Strictly speaking, war cannot be outlawed. In every essence war is defiance of law and will refuse to be outlawed; but Golden Rule good-will in the hearts of the citizens of the world makes war impossible.

#### A PROTECTION AGAINST INDUSTRIAL DISTURBANCES, SOCIAL REVOLUTION AND ANARCHY

One of the best forms of insurance against the devastation and chaos that follows revolution is a reasonable observance of the Golden Rule under our present laws and orderly government. The Golden Rule is one of



the best formulas whereby we may attain and maintain mutually helpful, constructive relationships between capital and labor and help solve other problems in our social, industrial, national and international relationships.

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## V

### INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

#### I WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY?

It is a test of our religion. Whatsoever else may be included in or omitted from our creeds we all believe in the Golden Rule. Do we practice it? Do our deeds tally with our creeds?

International Golden Rule Sunday is a day for personal stock-taking; for measurement of our lives by a universally accepted standard of life to ascertain how nearly we have attained to an ideal.

#### II ORIGIN OF THE DAY

At an international conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1923, representatives of twenty philanthropic organizations from fourteen countries were facing the perplexing problems of the Near East. The failures of armies and navies, of world wars and diplomatic conferences were glaringly apparent.

Could practical religion as expressed through the Golden Rule solve the problems that had baffled world powers? It seemed worth trying.

The proposal went forth that the first Sunday in December be observed as International Golden Rule Sunday for the strengthening of international friendship and the practical application of the principles of the Golden Rule to at least some of the world's problems.

The suggestion at once met with the hearty support of President Coolidge, former President Wilson, Secretary Hughes and prominent officials throughout the

United States. Government officials and leaders in other countries joined in urging the observance of the day with the result that International Golden Rule Sunday is now recognized and observed with increasing effectiveness in practically every civilized nation in the world.

### III PURPOSE OR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE

The immediate beneficiaries of International Golden Rule Sunday are the orphaned children of the Near East. These children are international wards. They are a part of the awful legacy of the late disastrous world war. They are not only without father, without mother and without known responsible relatives, but many of them are without country. They have no legal claim upon the land or the resources of the over-populated, war-ravaged, impoverished territories to which they have been exiled. They are as innocent of any crime and are as much entitled to daily food and the necessities of life as the children in our own homes. Their parents were killed or died of persecution, deportation, exposure and starvation in connection with the various disasters of the late war, from the full crushing burden of which we, in America, were graciously spared. Many of the parents of these children sacrificed their lives in defense of the principle of religious liberty.

They are practically all under sixteen years of age and by the statistics of January 1, 1926, sixty-nine per cent were under the teen age. All of them are too young to be thrown upon their own resources.

Certainly if it had been our lot to die in defense of a sacred principle and if our children had been left not only without parents or responsible relatives but also without a country, we should hope that some co-religionist or other Golden Rule philanthropist would

provide for our children at least the necessities of life and opportunity for attaining self-support. "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you (or your children thus left desolate) do ye even so unto them."

#### IV ULTIMATE PURPOSE OR OBJECTIVE

The ultimate purpose of International Golden Rule Sunday reaches far beyond the mere physical welfare of orphaned children. It contemplates a new generation of Golden Rule children with higher ideals of unselfish service leading to a New Near East and a better world.

At a meeting of the National Golden Rule Committee held at the Bankers' Club, New York City, Thursday, April 29, 1926, the following were among the guiding principles adopted:

1. That the spiritual and educational values of Golden Rule Sunday observance upon our own lives and the lives of our children be emphasized as of even greater importance than the financial returns.
2. That financial returns be emphasized as vital to orphaned, homeless children and essential to a consistent observance of the Golden Rule. Faith without works is dead.



## VI

### WHY OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY?

*For the Sake of Our Own Souls.* We cannot profess to believe in the Golden Rule and stand idly by while innocent children die. We cannot plead ignorance or immunity since the cable and radio have made the world one neighborhood for philanthropy as well as commerce. We cannot plead that we are "bled white" while continuing to spend billions of dollars (the Secretary of the Treasury estimated for 1919, \$22,700,000,000) upon luxuries. No American can appreciate the incredible wealth of our nation and the priceless heritage of American citizenship until he has mingled with the poverty of other lands. Luxurious living and self-indulgence may be as injurious to the prosperous as undernourishment and starvation are to the less fortunate.

*For the Sake of Our Own Children.* Few children in America have the slightest conception of the wealth with which they are surrounded. It will be a most wholesome thing to have the average American child seated for one meal during the year at a table where the accustomed luxuries or comforts are lacking, giving the mother or the father the opportunity to impress upon the child that most children in this world never know what it is to partake of the luxuries which our children expect every day as a matter of course.

The Golden Rule dinner may be made an important

factor in the education and development of character of the American child.

Our own children will have a keener appreciation of the value of American citizenship and of the exceptional privileges and advantages in their own homes.

*For the Sake of Our Own Country.* Nations, like individuals, have souls that can be seared and atrophied by selfishness. America is young and may yet go the way of ancient Babylon, Greece and Rome if our material prosperity is not supported by the moral fibre of unselfish altruism.

Never in the history of the world have any people been entrusted with such colossal wealth of material resources and moral power as the present generation in America. Freely we have received, freely we must share or lose the best of that which we have received.

America today is a name to conjure with throughout the Near East, chiefly because she has gone with a hand of ministry and not with a mailed fist. She has gone to give and not to grab, to help and not to hinder. She is known for her colleges and educational institutions, her hospitals, relief agencies and philanthropies. America has not made the heavy expenditure that other nations have made for military operations but with a smaller disbursement in unselfish, constructive philanthropy she has rendered a larger service. From the standpoint of reflex influence upon our national life we must continue to share with others our wealth and natural advantages or prove unworthy of our great trust.

*For the Sake of the Orphans in the Near East.* While endeavoring to save ourselves, our children and our nation spiritually, we must also save the children in the Near East physically, else all of our religious creeds and golden rules are hollow mockery. *Without our aid they perish.* For additional information concerning the children see pages 37-45, 58, 60, 63, 68, 132.

## VII

### AMERICA'S GOLDEN RULE OBLIGATIONS

Beneficent Providence has placed in this world food and wealth enough in various forms to provide for all the necessities of mankind. Never has this wealth been more equitably or, on the whole, satisfactorily distributed than at the present time. But in spite of unprecedented prosperity and high standards of material welfare for the average man, there are still considerable areas of destitution and large numbers who, through the vicissitudes of war or other causes beyond their control, are impoverished and in dire distress. The constructive relief of this distress and elimination of the causes leading to it are the joint responsibility of all who are prosperous. America, by reason of her great prosperity, has a special privilege as well as obligation for helping those who are less fortunate.

The United States, the creditor nation of the world,	Possesses approximately \$400,000,-
	000,000 of wealth including more
	than 50% of the world's gold.
	has
	85% of the world's automobiles;
	76% of the world's automobile
	trucks;
with only 6½ %	55% of the world's railroad mileage;
of the world's	66% of the world's telegraph and
land area.	telephone wires.
	produces
	55% of the world's iron ore;
and	51% of the world's pig iron;

less than 7% of  
the world's  
population

66% of the world's steel;  
51% of the world's copper;  
62% of the world's petroleum;  
43% of the world's coal;  
32% of the world's timber output;  
65% of the world's naval stores;  
42% of the world's phosphate;  
30% of the world's sulphur;  
63% of the world's mica;  
62% of the world's lead;  
64% of the world's zinc;  
60% of the world's talc and soap-  
stone;  
45% of the world's barytes;  
\* 55% of the world's cotton.

The United States spends more than \$2,000,000,000 annually for baseball, theatres and other amusements;

\$2,190,000,000 for perfumery and cosmetics;

\$1,250,000,000 for candy;

\$52,000,000 for chewing gum;

\$1,200,000,000 for tobacco in various forms.

The country enjoys an average annual increase in wealth of approximately \$13,000,000,000 over and above the billions spent for luxuries. Never has any nation had so great an opportunity to practice the Golden Rule and thereby firmly establish her position in beneficent world leadership as America has today.

\* Manufacturers Record, December, 1925.

## VIII

### HOW OBSERVE GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

The methods of observance may vary with local or domestic conditions. Details will be found in following pages on methods of observance. Briefly, it is proposed that wherever possible on Golden Rule Sunday all persons who are disposed to make a practical application of the Golden Rule provide for their Sunday dinner approximately the same menu that is provided, when funds permit, by Near East Relief, for the tens of thousands of orphaned children in its care; that the dinner hour be given to a consideration of the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Then, having entered into fellowship with them in the Golden Rule communal meal, that they make such generous offering or pledge for their support as we should wish to have made for our own children if conditions were reversed.

But Golden Rule observance means vastly more than a dinner. The principle applies equally to all of our expenditures—to our houses, automobiles, clothes, amusements and luxuries as well as to food.

For details as to methods of observance see pages 107-113.

## IX

### GOLDEN RULE VALUES OR BY-PRODUCTS OF INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

#### I HELPS ESTABLISH GOLDEN RULE STANDARDS THROUGH- OUT THE YEAR

International Golden Rule Sunday is not a panacea for all sin and selfishness; but, properly observed as a day of self-examination, plain living, high thinking and sacrificial giving it will help to establish Golden Rule standards of living and giving for the other 364 days of the year.

Most men profess to believe the Golden Rule and to accept it as a rule of life. If, on this one day, they can be led to practice what they profess, to test their deeds by their creeds and measure their lives by the universally accepted Golden Rule some progress will have been made not only in meeting the immediate needs of the unfortunate but in securing justice, goodwill and Golden Rule standards of living during the other days of the year.

#### II OPENS NEW SPRINGS OF BENEVOLENCE

International Golden Rule Sunday opens new springs and sources of income and quickens the flow of benevolence through other older established channels.

The Golden Rule appeal aims at money that is now spent on needless if not enervating luxuries. Far from competing with or undercutting other benevolences, International Golden Rule Sunday will help to establish

higher standards of stewardship and habits of thoughtful, systematic giving which will inevitably *help all benevolences.*

### III APPEALS TO EVERYBODY

International Golden Rule Sunday enlists as nearly as is practicable 100 per cent of the population in the aid of benevolent enterprises, the support of which now rests with disproportionate weight upon a comparatively few outstanding and much besieged philanthropists and foundations.

Less than 10 per cent of the people who profess to accept the Golden Rule attend church on any given Sunday, and much less than 10 per cent are consistent contributors to benevolent projects beyond their own door or community. International Golden Rule Sunday aims to reach as many as possible of the 90 per cent who have not yet learned the joy of larger giving.

### IV INTRODUCES THE RICH TO THE POOR

The International Golden Rule Committee seeks to bring into the purview of the rich and prosperous the needs of the poor and unfortunate who normally do not come within the business, social or neighborhood circles of those busily engaged in the industrial prosperity of the more fortunate communities and countries.

There is no serious lack of sympathy or benevolent impulse on the part of the prosperous when brought face to face with the facts but their very prosperity keeps them in business and social circles where they have little opportunity for experiencing or observing the suffering of others in less prosperous or stricken communities. A wealth of American Beauties is cheerfully sent to the neighbor across the avenue who is confined to her sun parlor by a cold, while the widow

in the distant tenement or refugee camp languishes for lack of the friendly hand and the simplest necessities of life. Golden Rule Sunday helps to make the world a neighborhood of friendliness as well as of commerce.

V HAS A WHOLESOME REFLEX INFLUENCE ON ALL CHILDREN

The observance of International Golden Rule Sunday has a most wholesome reflex influence upon the children of the world, both those who receive and those who give.

These children, in an incredibly short space of time, will be the leaders and rulers of the nations of which they are now junior citizens. The international expression of Golden Rule good-will will leave an indelible impress upon the lives of the benefactors as well as upon the beneficiaries. In fact, there may be a question as to who is really the greater beneficiary: the child who gives or the child who receives. Public schools, private schools, colleges, parent-teacher associations and all who are interested in character-building heartily welcome the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday as a factor in modern education as well as in practical philanthropy.

VI CONTRIBUTES TO SOCIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

The observance of International Golden Rule Sunday will contribute materially to the establishment of social righteousness upon the earth.

The observance of Golden Rule Sunday gives to national organizations of business, professional and laboring men an opportunity to express their growing interest in altruistic projects which can not be so effectively expressed on any platform that gives room for religious, racial or political differences.



## VII CONTRIBUTES TO CHURCH UNITY

The observance of International Golden Rule Sunday will do much toward bringing the churches and religious sects into closer cooperative relationships.

The United States Census lists 202 distinct religious sects or denominations, for the most part "split on theological rather than practical grounds." There is little prospect of early unification on the basis of theological creeds but there is no reason why there should not be perfect unity in the great social program of Christianity. A great if not the major portion of Christ's ministry was in social service. "He went about doing good," "healing all that were oppressed," "feeding the hungry, healing the sick." If the churches and other related organizations can come together in cooperative work in this social program on which they all agree they may find themselves less concerned or less estranged in the matter of theological creeds.

## X

### THE GOLDEN RULE AND WORLD PEACE

The greatest value of International Golden Rule Sunday is not the financial return nor even the immediate reflex character-building values in our own homes. It is the contribution to international goodwill and world peace.

#### IN THE NEAR EAST

For 4,000 years and more, the Near East has been the battleground of the nations. Probably no other portion of the earth's surface has been so drenched with human blood. Millions of lives and billions of property have been sacrificed. Armies and navies have failed. They have brought desolation and left ashes and ruins. They have not enriched life. Where there was hatred they have engendered more hatred, suspicion, distrust and determination to get revenge. There will be no permanent world peace until the Near East question is solved. What is the solution? Is it more shot and shell? They have had that or its equivalent for 4,000 years and are worse rather than better therefor. In the Near East today, there is latent a new force that, rightly directed, will prove mightier than all the armies of the past—little children, more than 100,000 of them, fatherless, motherless, homeless, penniless, but none the less, rightly trained, potential leaders of a new Near East.

#### AMONG WARRING RACES AND RELIGIONS

Every student is familiar with the unholy strife that for centuries has centered around the Holy Places of

Jerusalem—Moslem, Christian and Jew struggling and at times slaughtering in order to control the Holy City. In contrast with these scenes that date from the Crusades we present the picture of the first International Golden Rule Tea, held in the gardens of the American Consulate, August 10, 1924. At this tea there were present in fraternal Golden Rule fellowship the representatives of eighteen recently warring nations and of eighteen distinct religious communions. Included were Moussa Kazim Pasha, the officially recognized head of the Moslem community for all Palestine, and by his side or seated at the same table the Patriarch of the Armenian Gregorian Church, the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Communion, the representative of the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church, the Abyssinian Patriarch, the Coptic Patriarch, the Syrian Archbishop, Jews, Anglicans, Non-Conformists and Scientists, differing widely in their ancient creeds but all uniting in the universal creed of the Golden Rule, which after all is the law and the prophets.

Three weeks later, August 30, 1924, in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Hotel des Bergues, the first International Golden Rule Dinner was presided over by Mr. Paul Hymans, President of the Council of the League of Nations, and attended by representatives of more than a score of the leading countries of the world. At that dinner it was recognized that permanent world peace can not be wrought by war or force. Force begets force, strife begets strife and hatred begets hatred. Peace and good-will issue from the hearts of men and can not be superimposed by imperial fiat. At the Geneva Golden Rule Dinner leaders of practically all of the great nations recently at war entered into a Golden Rule fellowship which will make it at least a little harder to stir up strife in another world war.

Again in Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1925, more

than five hundred official delegates and recognized leaders of practically all Christian communions assembled in a great World Conference on Life and Work. They represented thirty-one countries and thirty-seven religious communions. Although worshipping one God and accepting one Divine Master, they could not, for reasons familiar to the historian, come together in the communion or sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They differed widely in matters of politics and religion, but they could and did gather around what was known as the Golden Rule communion table with Dr. Spiecker of Germany and Justice Fouget of France as associate presiding officers and joint chairmen of an International Golden Rule dinner.

#### THE SALT COVENANT OF THE ORIENT

Throughout the East there is the well-known salt covenant, which means that no man lifts his hand in violence against one with whom he has taken salt. When men break bread together they become friends. In Jerusalem at that first International Golden Rule Tea in the gardens of the American Consulate the representatives of eighteen religious communions broke bread together and entered into a covenant to extend the universal fellowship of the Golden Rule throughout their communions. In Geneva, Switzerland, in 1924, at the first International Golden Rule Dinner, statesmen and diplomats representing twenty nations partook of the same simple orphanage meal, drinking from tin cups made by the war orphans of the Near East, and pledged their allegiance to the Golden Rule fundamentals of social progress, the solidarity of the human race and the brotherhood of man. At Stockholm in the larger international, inter-racial, inter-communion Golden Rule dinner the leaders of the world's great religions came together upon the one

common denominator or platform where all religions unite. If, in connection with the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, we can get the Golden Rule principle a little more deeply imbedded in the hearts and lives of the individual citizens of the world as well as in the acts of world statesmen and diplomats, it will become a little harder to get these citizens who have once partaken of the salt covenant and broken bread together to rise from the Golden Rule communion table to engage in international warfare and strife.

#### EDUCATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES OF INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

During the late war practically all the great nations of the world combined in two camps and engaged in a program of destructive warfare with the Near East as one of the chief areas of conflict. They poured into that struggle the life blood of at least eight million men and scores of billions of treasure. If the so-called Christian nations have enough prudence to get together voluntarily in times of peace on an unselfish, constructive program of education and good-will we may prevent the otherwise inevitable expenditure of other millions of lives and billions of treasure in future warfare with the vicious circle of renewed bitterness and strife. The world may have its choice between a voluntary constructive educational program now or destructive warfare later. May it not be that through these orphan children we have in our hands today the opportunity of doing a greater work than has been done by all the armies and navies of the past forty centuries?

The greatest service of American philanthropy has not been the mere feeding of children or the saving of physical life and it may be doubted whether the children of the Near East have been the greatest beneficiaries. The reflex influence upon the children and ideals

of the contributors may be of at least equal value. In an incredibly short time the children of today, both in the East and the West, will be the leaders and the rulers of the nations of which they are now the junior citizens. These children grip the future. The results of International Golden Rule Sunday observance and of similar idealistic movements can be judged only in the next generation when it will be known whether we have succeeded in planting in the hearts of the future world citizens and leaders that fundamental international understanding and good-will upon which abiding world peace and progress depend. That which battle-ships and battalions have failed to accomplish the magic power of love, unselfish service and Golden Rule brotherhood may yet achieve.

## XI

### FACTS ABOUT NEAR EAST RELIEF

The philanthropic organization caring for the children who are the immediate beneficiaries of Golden Rule Sunday is worthy of every confidence. It was chartered by Congress, August 6, 1919, and operates in three areas: Greece and her islands; Russian Armenia and Persia; Syria and Palestine. Administrative centers are Athens, Alexandropol (Leninakan, Armenia), Tabriz (Persia) and Beirut (Syria). Refugee children are being cared for in Bulgaria. Egypt and France are sheltering some "ex-orphans." Annual report is made to Congress.

It is endorsed by President Coolidge; the National Information Bureau; the Churches; civic, commercial, industrial, fraternal, educational and social organizations and by many American and foreign officials.

Its relief work has saved from starvation more than a million women, children and old men. It is now aiding orphaned children, giving them a simple schooling and training them for self-support.

Maintained by Near East Relief are 45 hospitals and clinics giving 237,632 treatments a month. It utilizes worn clothing and shoes, the amount in 1925 being 3,390,498 pounds. The overseas staff consists of 75 American men and women and several hundred native helpers.

It is caring (as of April 1, 1926) for 35,754 children in the organization's orphanages and in some Armenian, Greek and Jewish institutions and in subsidized, supervised homes and is giving supplementary feeding

to 2,859. The total number of children aided during the past year is 68,159. The total value of Near East Relief operations to June 30, 1926, is over \$101,000,000.

Policies include the outplacing of "graduate" boys and girls in ten friendly countries, the establishment and maintenance of seven schools for the blind and for deafmutes; for nursing, two; agriculture, seven, and industrial occupations, fifteen.

Among the organization's achievements has been the reduction of malaria in Greece, important to the economics as well as the health of that country. Near East Relief has furnished representatives, active and advisory, on the League of Nations commissions for placing men on farms and for repatriating prisoners of war and refugees, and gave advice and transmitted funds for the transfer of Armenians from Bagdad and Constantinople to Armenia.

It sponsored International Golden Rule Sunday in the United States in 1923, '24, '25.



## XII

### WHO ARE THESE CHILDREN?

Most of the orphan children maintained by American dollars administered by Near East Relief are the descendants of the ancient Christian and Jewish races of the East. Many of them are the orphans of Christian martyrs of recent years.

The *Assyrian* orphans in Persia are the descendants of the old Nestorian Christians, dating back to the days of the Apostle Thomas. They are descendants of the ancient Assyrian race of thirty centuries and more ago. Their parents and a majority of their countrymen, because they befriended the Allied cause, have been annihilated in connection with the late war. These children, rescued and saved by Near East Relief in orphanages, are the hope of perpetuating one of the oldest races in history, as well as one of the oldest Christian churches.

The *Armenians*, formerly occupying the center of Anatolia, are remnants of the oldest Christian nation in the world. Their King established Christianity as their national religion before Constantine accepted it for the Roman Empire. They were at one time the greatest nation in the Near East. They took a notable part in the crusades of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries. They have probably furnished more martyrs to the Christian faith than all other nations combined. They are now dispossessed from their ancestral homes which they had occupied for at least twenty centuries and are scattered in the bordering countries of Russian

Armenia, Syria, Palestine, Greece and adjacent areas around the Aegean and Black Seas.

The *Greeks* are descendants of the races among whom Paul ministered in Cilicia, Pamphylia, Phrygia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus and Asia nineteen hundred years ago. They represent all that remains of the Seven Churches of Asia mentioned in the Apocalypse. They were driven from their former homes in Anatolia and Asia Minor and are now refugees in Macedonia, Thrace and along the Aegean Sea.

The *Syrians* are the orphans of the Christians of Lebanon who were carried away by the famine that, during the war, laid waste the regions of the Lebanon.

*Jews* and others in our orphanages are likewise the victims of forces over which they had no control.

To all of these innocent, orphaned children Near East Relief ministers without regard to race or creed.

Practically all these children are now refugees or exiled from their ancestral homes in Asia Minor and are at present under friendly, though impoverished, foreign governments of neighboring countries. The Assyrian children and some of the Armenians are in orphanages in northwest Persia.

Several thousand of the Armenian orphans, most of them from the region of Lake Van in Turkey, are now across the line in Russian Armenia.

Other thousands of Armenian orphans, natives of Turkey (exclusive of Syrian orphans), are now in Syria under a French protectorate, having been admitted into French territory with the distinct assurance that they would not be permitted to become public charges.

Others are in Jerusalem, Nazareth and elsewhere in Palestine under the British protectorate.

A larger number, including both Greek and Armenian orphans, refugees from Turkey, most of whom speak the Turkish language, are given safe haven and shelter

by the Greek government in various barracks and government buildings of Greece.

Comparatively few of these children are on lands or under governments that they can call their own. But in each case they are under sympathetic governments that are doing everything within their power, by granting free lands, free buildings, exemption from taxation, free transportation, to assist Near East Relief in bringing these children to lives of usefulness and potential leadership in the new Near East.

Some 1,800 are in specially constructed buildings on the island of Syra in the Aegean Sea. A picture of this group will be found in this book.

Many hundreds are occupying army barracks in old Corinth not far from the scene of Paul's ministry. Some of this group is pictured elsewhere, forming the words, "Second Corinthians, I, 8-11."

Transferred to Egypt and the immediate care of the Armenian colony there are more than a thousand boys and girls. Several groups of boys have gone to France to grow up on the land in that country. The relief organization is looking after refugee orphans in Bulgaria. So the Golden Rule movement is extending into many lands with the children whom it aids.

#### A NATION OF CHILDREN

Dr. John H. Finley, Editor, *New York Times*, reviewed 11,000 of these orphaned children who marched past in a single afternoon. Some of them were so small that they had to be carried on the shoulders of the older boys. Local Alexandropol authorities, reviewing the parade, declared that at least 75 per cent of these children would have perished during the preceding year had it not been for American relief. "They have no other mother than America." On a hillside, overlook-

ing ancient Sidon, is the "Birds' Nest" orphanage, so called because it nestles 337 "birdies," all of kindergarten age. Most of these children would not be living today had it not been for American philanthropy. They would have no food on their tables tomorrow morning and most of them would be dead within a month if the Golden Rule should fail.

#### INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Every opportunity is improved of giving to the older children the best practical training in trades and industries that will lead to early self-support, economic independence and industrial leadership.

In the Caucasus the orphans, under the direction of agricultural experts sent out from America, are cultivating and developing 16,000 acres of land which the government has placed at the command of Near East Relief, tax and rent free. The older boys, on a model dairy farm, provide the dairy products for the orphanage family of 10,000 children.

In the Aegean Sea, on the island of Syra made famous in the songs of Homer, is an orphanage colony of 1,800 boys and girls occupying a group of stone buildings constructed by the older boys under American supervision. Practically all trades and industries are represented in the activities of these orphanages. The girls make or re-make much of the clothing besides producing laces, embroideries, rugs and other articles for sale through Near East Industries. The boys do blacksmithing, shoemaking, carpentering, tinsmithing, tailoring and agricultural work as well as make pottery. Bookbinding, printing, commercial training and nursing are among trades and professions taught to the older orphans before being graduated or apprenticed in self-support.

At Kavalla, the ancient Neapolis where Paul landed in response to the Macedonian call, 3,000 older boys and girls have been received from various orphanages in Asia, of whom all have been discharged on a self-supporting basis in supervised homes or apprenticed in agricultural or other pursuits.

### XIII

#### PROGRAM OF RECONSTRUCTION

A million lives have been saved. But what profits the mere saving of physical life if in the end you have only another human animal to encumber the ground and serve as possible cannon fodder in some future war?

We have saved life—now we are beginning to make life. Out of the ruins of the Near East is growing up a generation of orphans whose lives grip the coming centuries.

In order that their education and training may be wisely guided commissions of experts from time to time have been sent to the Near East to study and bring back recommendations as to the educational, social and religious training of these children.

#### INDUSTRIAL HOMES AND NEAR EAST INDUSTRIES

The problem of placing the large number of sixteen-year-old girls, who can no longer be kept in the orphanages, who are of foreign race, foreign language and foreign religion, and who can find no natural place in an over-populated, refugee-ridden country, is serious. In order to provide for these older girls on as nearly as practicable a self-supporting basis, there is urgent need for industrial homes where the girls can remain under helpful influence while continuing their education.

Such a home for the makers of rugs has been established with success at Ghazir in Syria. There a considerable number of girls maintain themselves by the

production of rugs which are sold locally and through Near East Industries in America.

In Beirut an industrial display room shows and sells the embroidery and lace made by the girls and the metal work and cabinet work of the boys at the near-by orphanages.

Industries are used both for production and education in all the orphanage schools. While the boys and girls are learning how to make what is needed for orphanage use they are also fitting themselves with trades for future self-support. On the island of Syra the chief emphasis is laid on industrial education. At Alexandropol (Leninakan) the industrial schools are economically but sufficiently equipped and are giving the children good training.

#### AGRICULTURAL TRAINING

In 'Armenia, where 80 per cent of the people have always been farmers, Near East Relief is working in cooperation with the Armenian government in teaching both boys and girls in agricultural schools. All the orphanages in all areas have farms and gardens of varying size according to local conditions.

## XIV

### HAVING SEEN THEY TESTIFY

The need of the orphans in the Near East is clear to every one who hears their story. Those who have visited the orphanages and have seen the work of the organization that is administering American beneficence are without exception emphatic in their praise and earnest in their plea for a continuance of help.

Following are extracts from letters of eye-witnesses. The first is the report of a group of prominent men and women who visited together the overseas areas of Near East Relief.

#### IMPRESSIONS

It is the conviction of every observer that there continues to be an urgent need to furnish full relief to the children in the orphanages operated or subsidized by Near East Relief. These children, now under Near East Relief care, beyond question would suffer greatly and a large proportion of them become diseased and perish if support should be withdrawn. There is no doubt in the minds of the observers on this point.

The observers were everywhere impressed with the moral and spiritual influence of the Near East Relief upon the children. The educational program, the recreational plans and the general program of work were teaching the children habits of self-reliance, teamwork and unselfishness.

The service of the American people through Near East Relief to the various peoples of the Near East has been a most potent factor in developing friendship between the United States and the Near East.



In a word, Near East Relief has been and is throughout this chaotic part of the world a manifestation of the highest side of American life. This service, carried on without any thought whatever of political or economic advantage to be gained in the Near East, has been and will long continue to be a powerful factor in cementing friendship between America and the Near East and in promoting international peace and good-will among the peoples of the Near East.

The observers are convinced that the task of saving human life which the Near East Relief has been carrying on during the recent years of chaos in the Near East must be continued until the children are brought to self-support. America cannot well desert or turn back after putting its hand to the plow. These children cannot be abandoned before they have been brought to years of self-support. No one who knows the situation in the Near East could think for a moment that we could withdraw our support from them. To do so would mean that most of them would perish.

John H. Finley, Editor *New York Times*.

Henry J. Allen, formerly Governor of Kansas.

Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary Federal Council of Churches.

Oliver J. Sands, President American National Bank, Richmond, Va.

James Cannon, Jr., Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Frank L. Fay, President Greenville Steel Car Company, Greenville, Pa.

Silas H. Strawn, Ex-President Chicago Bar Association, Chicago.

Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, Author, Louisville, Kentucky.

Felix T. McWhirter, President Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis, Ind.

Geo. M. Reynolds, Chairman Continental and Commercial Savings Bank, Chicago.

Dr. Chester B. Emerson, Congregational Church, Detroit, Mich.

George W. Gerwig, Secretary Board of Public Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rt. Rev. W. R. Rogers, Bishop of Ohio.

Dr. Chas. H. Boynton, General Theological Seminary, New York.

Frank R. Graves, Commissioner of Education, New York State.

It was the imperative power of the Golden Rule that led, in the beginning, to the organization of a committee to look after the destitute orphans of the Near East. Let us not allow this imperative power of the Golden Rule to loosen or weaken its hold upon our lives until this great task is accomplished.

DR. JAMES L. BARTON

By helping Near East Relief you are laying a great foundation for America's future in foreign lands.

SIR ESME HOWARD,  
*British Ambassador to the United States.*

It has been my great privilege to see something of the Near East Relief work abroad. My outstanding impression has been the efficiency of the Americans who are in charge. Of all the charitable and humanitarian work abroad during and since the war, I am sure the Near East Relief is easily the leader in the quality of its personnel. Their own modesty prevents them from saying what they are and from singing their own praises. They are worthy of being entrusted with our

FELIX WARBURG,

*Banker.*

We have come out into a new world, and God has providentially related this Near East Relief enterprise to one of the most important parts of the world right now. . . . There are tens of thousands of children between the ages of five and fifteen. We must carry them up into the higher ages and finish the work we began. We must protect our investments. We must lay the foundation of a better day and a better world.

JOHN R. MOTT,  
*Y.M.C.A. world leader.*

Until the last orphan has been placed in a position of self-support, I shall continue to give my earnest assistance to the work of the Near East Relief, and I am certain that the great organized labor movement of America will continue to do so. The practice of the Golden Rule, the relief of the needy and stricken, is the mission and purpose of the organized workers of America.

FRANK MORRISON,  
*American Federation of Labor.*

We need the Near East Relief for our children. We need it first of all, perhaps, that those in the Near East may be served, and we need ample funds so that it may be done. But almost as important, we need to serve and labor in this work for the sake of the spiritual lives of our own children.

DR. OTIS CALDWELL,  
*Principal of Lincoln School, New York City.*

I have always been a supporter of the organization but this is the first time I have been in countries where it is working and have been able to obtain first-hand impressions of its real need.

Its orphanage work in the cradles of Christianity is one of the finest pieces of constructive work I have ever seen.

WILLIAM CARDINAL O'CONNELL.

We have helped to save these children from death. In saving their lives, we have virtually pledged ourselves to give them a training essential to self-support and educate them for citizenship. This, I consider a vital phase of the work.

MRS. JOHN D. SHERMAN,  
*President, General Federation Women's Clubs.*

We have visited Armenia and examined the work of Near East Relief at Alexandropol. Without reservation we endorse the splendid results accomplished and urge the American people to continue their support so that the activities may be continued.

It would be a calamity if the many thousands of orphans now cared for should be left without support.

SENATOR KING.

CONGRESSMEN FREAR AND JOHNSON.

The whole of the administration will stand the closest scrutiny. It is a vast project with numerous ramifications, demanding efficient direction in every department. Such direction is given. Both men and women of the personnel are of a superior type, giving unstinted service and willing to endure privations.

WILLIAM CHAUNCEY EMHARDT, D.D.,  
*Protestant Episcopal Church.*

I have just returned from a memorable journey which has taken me all around the world. For the scientific administration of funds, I have never seen the equal of Near East Relief in all the welfare, eleemosynary and philanthropic agencies I have observed. Near East Relief is as nearly 100 per cent efficient as is possible in any human organization.

FRED B. SMITH.

In the spring of 1923, I visited Constantinople, Palestine and Athens, for the purpose of seeing the work of the Near East Relief. The work in the orphanages, schools and hospitals was of the highest order.

OLIVER J. SANDS,

*President American National Bank, Richmond, Va.*

With Mr. Sands of Richmond and other tourists I saw some of the work of Near East Relief.

The Near East is a desolate country now, after all the results of war's troubles and bickerings. Certainly Americans are nowhere doing any work that can begin to compare with the orphanage work there.

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS,

*President Continental and Commercial Bank, Chicago.*

Inside the institutions maintained by Near East Relief the work in every case was carried on in a well organized and generally efficient manner.

R. R. REEDER, PH.D.,

*Director of the Marsh Foundation, Van Wert, Ohio.*

The children are well fed, well clothed, well trained, well cared for; they appear to be happy; and undoubtedly are as well off as the major part of the children living under normal conditions. Stressing formal school work at the expense of the shop, garden, farm and home would sacrifice the 95 per cent in favor of the 5 per cent. It is a mistake which should not be committed and is not now being committed by the Near East Relief.

PAUL MONROE, PH.D., LL.D.,

*Director of the International Institute, Teachers  
College, Columbia University, New York.*

Two months spent in the Levant worked a radical change in my mental attitude. Wherever I went I saw the effects of a great American organization that had persistently, efficiently and with unabating zeal worked against the most appalling conditions the world has ever known.

(MRS.) ALICE HEGAN RICE,  
*Author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."*

I am of the profound conviction that no service which America can render the world today is equal to the humanitarian and educational work Near East Relief is doing. No emotional thrill which I received in Palestine compares with that received in the presence of your Boy and Girl Scouts.

G. W. GERWIG,  
*Secretary of Board of Education, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

I was never more proud of America in my life than as I went about inspecting this Near East Relief.

FRANK P. GRAVES,  
*Commissioner of Education, State of New York,  
and President of the University of New York.*

I have seen them—not one or a score or a hundred, but whole companies, regiments, brigades, platoons—an army in number, of unknown, helpless, ragged, sick, hungry human beings, all children. An army of orphan children. People who say they are tired of giving must remember how many years a child must receive care and training before it is able to care for itself. It must not be said of us "this man began to build and was not able to finish." Let us finish the work which we set out to do.

JAMES CANNON, JR.,  
*Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church, S.*

It is my sober judgment that some future historian, writing of this day when Governments rose and fell, when wars and rumors of war filled the air, when the economic interests of great powers struggled with each other for mastery, will declare that one of the most far-reaching events of all was the quiet and devoted and saving work carried on by the American Near East Relief in our behalf.

SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT,  
*General Secretary, Federal Council of  
Churches of Christ in America.*

The war in the Near East has left to the world a multitude of nationless orphans. I wish that I had the skill of speech and pen to tell you and others in detail of the wonderful work that the Near East Relief is doing over there for them.

DR. JOHN H. FINLEY,  
*New York Times.*

I have visited the Zappeion, Corinth and this morning, after a three days' visit, came from Syra. I have always believed in the work of the Near East not as one on the inside but as an outsider. Now that I have had this remarkable opportunity to come in close contact with the actual work and to meet these thousands of orphans, learning of their development and growth physically and intellectually, and have met the workers both local and from America, and have seen the statesmanlike manner in which they handle these varied and diversified problems, I am more than ever committed to the work of the Near East Relief.

HELEN F. BARNES.

## XV

### UNDER FIFTY FLAGS

Golden Rule Sunday is observed in more than fifty countries, including the following:

Argentina	Czecho-Slovakia	Ireland	Philippine Islands
Armenia	Denmark	Italy	Porto Rico
Australia	Egypt	Japan	Scotland
Austria	England	Korea	Spain
Belgium	France	Liberia	Sweden
Bermuda	Georgia	Mexico	Switzerland
Brazil	Germany	New Hebrides	Syria
Canada	Greece	New Zealand	Turkey
Ceylon	Guatemala	Nicaragua	Thibet
Chile	Hawaii	Palestine	U. S. A.
China	Holland	Panama	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Hungary	Persia	Wales
Cuba	India	Peru	

#### FROM THE FAR EAST TO THE NEAR EAST

Among the contributions received from China was one from a girls' Bible class composed of students only one of whom is a Christian and some of whom had never seen a Bible before coming to the class. They are beginning, however, to think in world fellowship terms. Significant contributions were received from similar classes, schools, and individuals representing various sections of China.

In Korea, Golden Rule Sunday was observed and substantial contributions made for the orphan children of the Near East despite the fact that the normal meal in Korea is little, if any, better than the regular orphan-age meal in the Near East.

From Japan, contributions came from all classes of society, including on the one hand a girls' school that assumed the full sponsorship responsibility of two



Armenian orphans until they are brought to self-support and on the other hand contributions and active cooperation from members of the House of Peers, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Shibusawa, and other leaders in the political and commercial life of the country. Even the cynic must grant that the forwarding of these Golden Rule contributions of goodwill from the Buddhists and Christians of Japan in the Far East to New York for transmission to the Christian orphans of the Near East is prophetic of more wholesome and friendly international relations.

#### FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH

Among the offerings from Alaska under the shadow of the North Pole is one from the Junior Christian Endeavorers of Sitka, providing the full support of an Armenian child in the Near East for one year, while practically in the same mail comes from Colombo, Ceylon, \$100, contributed by children some of whom are non-Christians, for the support of the Christian orphans of Bible lands. One of the contributions that came from India was for 109 rupees, the Golden Rule offering of 135 boys in the Training School for Village Teachers at Moga, the Punjab. This was the pocket money which they earned themselves at the rate of six annas to a rupee per month. It meant the complete sacrifice of their pocket money for more than a month.

Again, in inspiring contrast with the substantial sums that were contributed by prosperous Sweden and Denmark in the North, comes the following typical report from a college of 320 girls in Santiago, Chile, to whom the plan of International Golden Rule Sunday was presented by one of their teachers:

"Let's sacrifice a little ourselves," one black-eyed Chilean said.

Some earnest conversation followed, and then a

group of enthusiastic señoritas came to the office of the directora (principal) to ask if they might do without dessert, and send the money thus saved to help in the Near East Relief.

"I am proud of you," was the answer. "Go see if all the girls are willing."

So 300 girls for one whole month gave up cake and pudding and other dainties (and girls have been accused of liking this part of the meal best). There wasn't one complaint. The girls went laughing to the playground as usual.

When the check was sent, deep love went with it. New bonds united Chilean and Armenian girlhood.

#### THE PRINCE AND THE PEASANT

In the United States, President and Mrs. Coolidge have set the example for the nation. In other countries, members of royal households have loyally accepted the democratic obligations imposed by the universal Golden Rule. Prince Tokugawa of Japan not only sent his personal check for a generous sum, accompanied by a beautiful personal letter, but took a leading part in supervising the distribution of literature concerning Golden Rule Sunday to all the members of the House of Peers of Japan. Viscount Fukuoka also placed 1,000 copies of the Golden Rule message and appeal in the hands of the Peers Club of Japan.

No less important than the service of these Princes and Peers of the realm were the contributions of the common people of Japan and other countries. The children in the Southern Christian Home of Atlanta, Ga., themselves beneficiaries of a Christian institution, volunteered a further simplification of their already meager menu in order that they might share with other little children more unfortunate than they. The result was a check for \$4.22 from the children of the Southern

Christian Home "with love to the little folks of the Near East."

The women of the Tennessee State Penitentiary contributed to the support of an orphan child for one month from the money that they were able to save. "These women have very little money, but it pleases them to feel that they can help some one and that they have connections with somebody on the outside. The letter you wrote before in acknowledgment of their offering was the first recognition that this department has ever had from the outside world. It helps them. This is their Golden Rule Sunday offering."

#### THE WIDOW'S MITE AND OUR MIGHT

"I am doing on one less slice of bread per meal," wrote a woman in Wichita, Kansas, enclosing \$5.00 from her widow's pension. A group of negro girls in Beaufort, S. Car., struggling for their own education, sent \$15.11. Six dollars came from the grateful daughter of an 89-year-old mother whom she supports, the gift being made because "Mother fell and didn't break any bones and so didn't have the expense of a doctor." From the town of Troy, \$1.00 was received from a little blind boy, saved from his allowance of 35 cents a week with which he had planned to buy a new trumpet. Two dollars was received from the children of the State School for the Blind, who sacrificed candy for a week in order to make the contribution.

Numerous instances of this kind could be given, but the Golden Rule measure involves giving in proportion to one's resources. No self-respecting man will hide behind the widow's mite without recalling that the widow's mite was "all that she had," "100 per cent of her possessions," which, for the rich and the prosperous, changes the spelling and the meaning from "mite" to "might"—limitless power—to lighten the burdens of

children or others in adversity. Many have thus given their might in proportion as Providence has prospered them, one contribution during the year being for \$150,000 and others for correspondingly generous sums.

#### GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY IN THE ORPHANAGES

Possibly of greater significance, however, has been the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday in the orphanages where every meal is an orphanage meal and for 365 days in the year costs monotonously less than five cents per meal. Every orphan child in the Near East Relief institutions observed Golden Rule Sunday by making further sacrifices from his meager rations to help provide food for other children of the Near East who are even less fortunate than those in the orphanages. The report from Alexandropol in Russian Armenia states that the "10,000 orphans, together with American and local workers, observed Golden Rule Sunday with deep interest. The children of the Polygon Orphanage marched around through the heavy first snow with their band to the central dining hall where workers and government officials joined them in their simple meal. The Seversky Orphanage held a mass meeting, addressed by officials, after which children and workers separated for Golden Rule meals in the individual orphanage dining rooms. *The children gave up supper, rice, raisins, saving thereby sufficient money to clothe a group of homeless, destitute children on the streets of Alexandropol.*"

In Palestine and Syria, the children saved enough food on Golden Rule Sunday from their usual frugal meal to provide meals for the less fortunate children in the refugee camps in the vicinity of the orphanages.

From Greece comes the following report:

"Dr. and Mrs. Fosdick have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morgenthau in Athens and have spent some

time in both Corinth and the Zappeion where they participated at the Golden Rule dinner together with the Morgenthau. After this Dr. Fosdick spoke at the Petit Palais, where a most representative and distinguished group of Athenians was gathered. Dr. Fosdick seemed very much delighted with the efficiency of the orphanage work which he was given a thorough opportunity of seeing. Mrs. Fosdick expressed her intention of being in the future a very active advocate of the Near East Relief."

On Golden Rule Sunday Dr. Fosdick spoke in English on the observance of Golden Rule throughout America and his interpretation of its meaning in international relationships. His speech appeared in several Greek papers.

"TEA IN HONOR OF AMERICAN PREACHER FOSDICK"

*Translated from "Proia" and "New Imera," Dec. 7, 1925.*

"Tea was served yesterday afternoon at the Petit Palais by Mr. Morgenthau with a view to present to the Athenian society the distinguished American preacher, Mr. Harry Emerson Fosdick. Ministers Hadji Kyriaco and Lyvathynopoulos, Mr. Tsaldaris, Mr. Papanastassiou, Mr. Kavandaris, and other officials were among those present.

"Mr. Fosdick explained the 'Golden Rule.' This is a Sunday fixed every year in the early part of December on which all take a 'poor's lunch.' The amount realized through this economic meal is then offered to a special fund for the benefit of philanthropy. This habit was first instituted by the Near East Relief and has been a resource of considerable funds. Mr. Fosdick recommended that this habit be introduced in all countries permanently, thank offerings and contributions to be spent for the poorest people of each country."

"From Alexandropol, Armenia, came to America a letter of gratitude, bearing the signatures of many thousands of children and closing with a naïve but far-reaching pledge that 'having thus partaken of the Golden Rule meal with the children of many other nations we promise with them to govern our lives by the teachings of the Golden Rule and always to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.'

"An equally significant phrase occurred in the letter which, after Golden Rule Sunday, came from the Director of the Polygon Orphanage at Alexandropol two years ago when she said: 'It is warmer tonight—only twenty-five degrees below zero. There is ten feet of snow on the ground, and the wolves can be heard tonight. The children have no means to dry their wet feet. Under these conditions, can you imagine what it means for them to give up voluntarily as they have just done nearly 50 per cent of their bread ration for use among needy children in refugee camps?'"

## XVI

### HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

The wordless appeal of the suffering child never fails to touch the heart. Men and women, young and old, rich and poor, all respond eagerly to the urge to help.

#### CHILD COOPERATION

Perhaps no reports of Golden Rule contributions are more touching than those that tell of the sacrificial giving of children that other children may be fed.

At the Denver, Colorado, Orphans' Home, 119 wards of the city ate a Golden Rule breakfast, lunch and dinner. On two days these children contributed to a fund made up of pennies, nickels and dimes saved for the purpose.

The boy and girl members of the Christian Endeavor at the I. O. O. F. Home at Elkins, West Virginia, tithe their small earnings and then give them to good causes. Near East Relief was one at Golden Rule time.

Little Bobby Eldredge, aged four, probably has the distinction of making the most original contribution to the Golden Rule fund of the Near East Relief. Through the mail came a little pasteboard flower pot mounted on a background of pasteboard, from which grew branches and twigs literally flowering with pennies, dimes and quarters.

Children from a Pittsburgh orphanage sang the grace at a large Golden Rule dinner.

A Sacramento, California, mother says that the Saturday night before Golden Rule Sunday "Daddy" forgot it was the time for a frugal Sunday dinner and

brought home a beefsteak. Leona, eight years old, was horrified. It was explained to her that the family would pay just as much money as though it had gone without meat and maybe Daddy would pay more for not remembering about Golden Rule Sunday. On Sunday noon, when dinner was all ready, Leona was nowhere to be found. After hunting and calling she was finally discovered, a pathetic little figure, huddled in the corner of a closet and crying. "Daddy should not have bought that meat," she sobbed. "The little Armenians aren't having that kind of dinner today."

Another notable Golden Rule contribution reported from San Francisco, came from the crippled children at the San Francisco Children's Hospital. Among the contributors were two little Japanese girls, one ten years old, with a tubercular spine, which makes it almost impossible for her to walk, the other, six years old, with a dislocated hip; one little Italian boy and two little girls of thirteen, all with congenital dislocated hips. They saved the ten-cent pieces which had been given to them by visitors and asked that they should be sent to the poor little children in the Near East orphanages.

Also from California comes the tale of the self-denial of a betrothed couple who begged their friends to convert the usual presents into a Golden Rule thank offering. In Virginia pupils of the Naruna High School asked the teachers to give to Near East Relief the money which they usually spend on a Christmas treat for the children.

There have been many worthy contributors to Near East Relief, but none more obliging than the hen that walked into a grocery store at Rockport, Mass. The proprietor opened the door of his store in response to a pecking at the threshold by the biddy. The hen walked in, selected a basket of eggs, made her donation



and waddled out again. The fact worthy of note is that the reverse side of the price placard in the basket picked out by the hen as the depositary for her donation contained an appeal for contributions to the Near East Relief Fund.

#### OVERSEAS CHILDREN

The children in the Near East Relief orphanages in Greece all voluntarily cut down their usual meals so that they might have the happiness of aiding the boys and girls in the refugee camps. On the other hand the children in the refugee camps contributed. When asked why, they said, "We have mothers and the orphans do not."

One child in a Greek town, Lipazmata, where there is an American school for refugees, gave all the money in her little bank, saved to buy a new dress. "Never mind," she said, "I can wear what I have."

Another child was too poor to give even a lepton. She felt so sorrowful about it that the other children collected ten drachmas for her to give.

The Domghenti Big Brothers Club of "ex-orphans" made a contribution to the children still in the orphanages.

Golden Rule Sunday was officially observed by the orphanage on the island of Syra. There was lively cheering and clapping of hands during the meal by the children because they were appreciative of the spirit of fellowship that they felt bound them to other children all over the world. They call themselves "Golden Rule Children" on that island, known even in the distant days of Homer.

In Syria the orphanage children have always been eager to observe the day. At Ghazir all the children voluntarily sacrificed their already meagre meal to help the less fortunate outside the orphanages. At Jubeil

one year the boys invited many prominent people of the place to the number of over a thousand. All ate their meal sitting cross-legged on the floor. At Juniyeḥ the blind orchestra gave a concert by way of celebrating the day.

The Near East League of "ex-orphan" boys, "graduates" of Antilyas, gathered 200 Syrian pounds (about \$120) among themselves and their friends and added it to the collection made by the sacrifices of the youngsters still at the Antilyas orphanage.

From Anatolia college (Salonica) in which some of the "ex-orphan" Near East Relief boys are studying went to the orphans in Athens a gift of money, garments and a package of sugar. The Golden Rule Sunday meal consisted of pea soup.

Children in Hungary know only too well what suffering means to children and boys and girls in Budapest collected a Golden Rule contribution.

#### FROM A GENEROUS HEART

With an order for \$10 from Brazil came the following explanation: "I send it to you under special cover because it is the personal offering of my faithful Christian cook. Her own little ones have all gone on before and now her heart reaches out to every little child and most of all to those who suffer. Quite apart from her tithing and various other offerings, she gives this sixth of her earnings to Christ's motherless little ones."

## XVII

### THE GOLDEN RULE IN THE HOME

#### DINNERS, TEAS

Golden Rule Sunday is primarily a day for observance in the home. It is as valuable for self-discipline and character-building in the American home as it is for child-rescue and life-saving in the Near East. The hour spent over the simple menu of the Golden Rule communal meal can be made memorable and inspiring, enriching the lives of adults as well as children.

Suggestions for the home observance of the day by means of the family dinner and the Golden Rule Tea may be found on pages 107-109, 114.

In some places—throughout South Carolina, for instance—Golden Rule teas became fashionable during one season. There were forty-five in Columbia alone and twenty in another city. Mrs. LeRoy Springs, the first woman to be nominated for vice-president of the United States and an ardent worker for the Near East orphans, used her influence in advancing the teas.

The possibilities of Golden Rule usefulness to individuals and communities and, in its highest expression, in the promotion of world peace, as evaluated in preceding pages of this study, offer topics priceless for the dinner table and stirring to the eloquence of any speaker at a neighborhood tea. Distinguished clergy have prepared benedictions for use of participants. The generous offering following the meal frequently takes the form of assuring the responsibility for the sponsorship of an orphan.

XVIII

THE CLERGY'S BLESSING

A BLESSING

By Cardinal O'Connell

BLESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts from Thy bounteous hands. Give us and all who are in need Thy daily bread, and may Thy love bring to all Thy children the fruits of Thy peace and benediction. AMEN.

COMMUNION OF THE GOLDEN RULE

A Grace Before Meat, by Henry van Dyke

THANKS be unto Thee, O Giver of our Daily Bread,  
For this Communion of the Golden Rule.  
May this plain food strengthen our bodies;  
And the loving cup of kindness refresh our souls.  
Bless the great multitude of homeless children,  
Thy little ones far away in the Near East,  
Whom we greet in spirit at our table today.  
Orphaned, may they find in Thee a Father;  
Helpless, may they find in us true helpers.  
In their hunger we would feed them,  
In their nakedness we would clothe them,  
In the prison of man's cruelty we would visit them.  
Grant, O Father most merciful and loving,  
That our hearts may hear the benediction  
Of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:  
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these,  
Ye have done it unto Me. AMEN.

## BENEDICTION OF THE GOLDEN RULE

*By* RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE

FATHER, we are Thine and Thine is all we have and are.

As we break bread, let it be with all Thy children. By whatever name we call upon Thee, let us call one another brothers—remembering that none is stranger in Thy sight nor should be to our hearts.

Let us give in the measure of other's needs. Let us serve in answer to other's hopes. Let us sacrifice in obedience to Thy perfect and hallowing will.

Help us to do for the near and the far even as Thou doest for all Thy children.

Thus may we feel Thy presence about us, and the grace of Thy benediction abide with us, which shall bless us and keep us, lifting Thy countenance upon us and granting us the peace of understanding and fellowship. AMEN.

## XIX

### SPONSORSHIP PLAN OF NEAR EAST ORPHANS

Many contributors are now availing themselves of the advantages of the Sponsorship Plan. By this plan an orphan child in one of the orphanages is assigned to the sponsor. A photograph with all the known facts about the child is also sent. In many cases this information is very meagre, because thousands of the children were rescued at so early an age, being picked up by the roadside. So long as the support is continued that child actually becomes the charge of the sponsor. Reports of the health and educational progress of each sponsored child will be made to its sponsor. The money goes into a common fund, true, but the direct responsibility is there just the same. If Near East Relief's income decreases, some child suffers, but not your child, because that child has a guaranteed income for support.

#### COST OF SPONSORSHIP

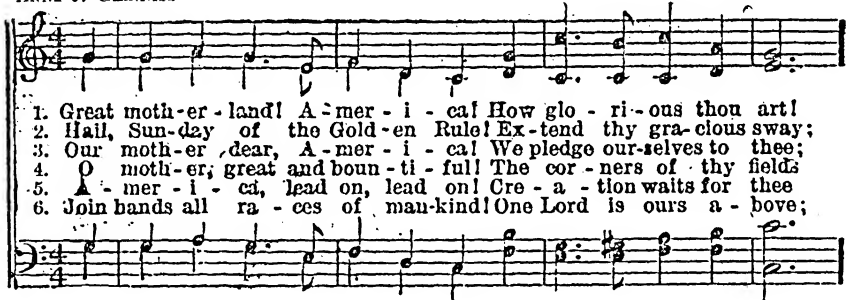
The cost of a Sponsorship is \$100 a year. It may be renewed.

The American public is familiar with the statement, "\$5.00 a month, \$60.00 a year, saves a life." It does. That amount will provide food, clothing and shelter. In the early days of Near East Relief's operations, that was about all that could be done—save starving children from death. But the children have been growing. They are no longer babies. It is not enough merely to keep them alive. They must be trained for self-support

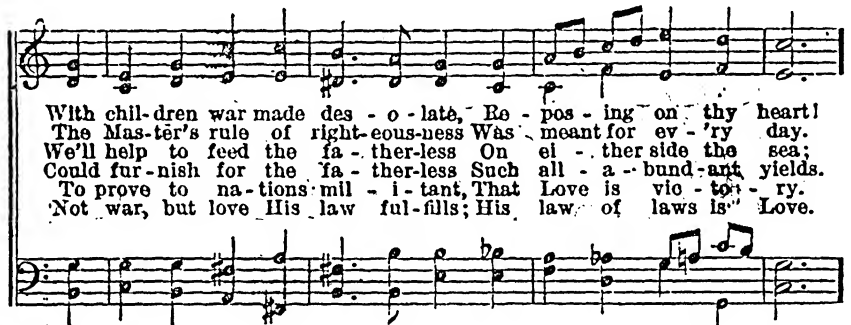
and future usefulness. Their mental, moral and spiritual natures must be awakened. The program needed to accomplish these ends necessarily involves a greater expenditure per child than was necessary when the emphasis was mainly on physical relief.

## INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE HYMN

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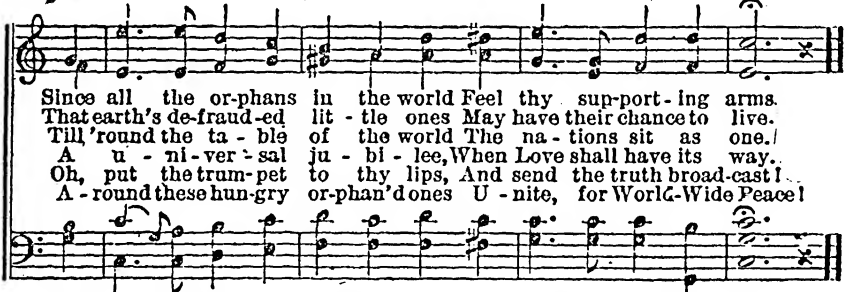
1. Great moth-er-land! A-mer-i-ca! How glo-ri-ous thou art!  
 2. Hail, Sun-day of the Gold-en Rule! Ex-tend thy gra-cious sway;  
 3. Our moth-er, dear, A-mer-i-ca! We pledge our-selves to thee;  
 4. O moth-er, great and boun-ti-ful! The cor-ners of thy fields  
 5. A-mer-i-ca, lead on, lead on! Cre-a-tion waits for thee  
 6. Join hands all ra-ces of man-kind! One Lord is ours a-bove;



With chil-dren war made des-o-late, Re-pos-ing on thy heart!  
 The Mas-ter's rule of right-eous-ness Was meant for ev-ry day.  
 We'll help to feed the fa-ther-less On ei-ther side the sea;  
 Could fur-nish for the fa-ther-less Such all-a-bundant yields.  
 To prove to na-tions mil-i-tant, That Love is vic-tor-ry.  
 Not war, but love His law ful-fills; His law of laws is Love.



Thy face is grow-ing beau-ti-ful With new ma-ter-nal charms  
 The life of self-de-niy-ing love For Him we glad-ly give,  
 We'll live the old, gold-en rule; Nor shall our task be done,  
 De-clare a day in ev-ry year To be the Or-phans' Day;  
 We give, to our e-ter-nal gain; We keep, to lose at last,  
 A help-less her-i-tage is ours! It pleads that war-fare cease;



Since all the or-phans in the world Feel thy sup-port-ing arms  
 That earth's de-fraud-ed lit-tle ones May have their chance to live.  
 Till 'round the ta-ble of the world The na-tions sit as one.  
 A u-ni-ver-sal ju-bi-lee, When Love shall have its way.  
 Oh, put the trum-pet to thy lips, And send the truth broad-cast!  
 A-round these hun-gry or-phan'd ones U-nite, for World-Wide Peace!

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## XXI

### GOLDEN RULE DAY POEMS

#### THE UNSEEN GUEST

By MARGARET SANGSTER

The unseen guest is a little child,  
With a face that is drawn and white;  
He enters our homes in the grey of dawn,  
He troubles our dreams at night—  
His eyes are as sad as a broken faith,  
And his thin little hands are meek;  
And his body is frail, and his steps are slow  
And his smile is wan and weak!

He comes to us from across the sea,  
From the land of too-little-bread,  
Where there's seldom a cot where a child may  
rest

With a pillow beneath his head.  
The Saviour paused, in His journey once,  
And He stretched His kind arms wide—  
And children came, for they felt His smile,  
Oh—they gathered on every side!  
When His friends, who stood by, said: "Let Him  
rest—"

He lifted His splendid head—  
'And, "Suffer them unto my arms," He cried,  
"Let them come unto me!" He said.  
Oh, famine there is a sullen fact,  
And death is a glad release—  
For death is a time when coldness ends,  
When hunger is bound to cease!

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Suffer? The word has a sense, today,  
 That Jesus felt on the Cross;  
 And the unseen guest knows the weight of it,  
 The pain and the fear and loss.  
 Shall we take him in? It is easy, quite!—  
 Shall we break grim horror's spell?  
 Or still shall we leave our debt unpaid  
 To the Christ who loves him well!

## GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

By EDWIN MARKHAM

Here is the greatest question lips can ask:  
 Can we help God in his stupendous task?  
 Yes, every cry we raise against the wrong  
 Adds a new music to his marching song.

I think that saving a little child  
 And bringing him to his own  
 Is a derved sight better business  
 Than loafing around the throne.

*John Hay in "Little Breeches."*

## GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

By BERTHA GERNEAUX WOODS

Oh, little far-off, dark-eyed guests, today  
 We feel your spirit presence as we lay  
 The cloth, the plates, to hold this frugal meal.  
 Almost your little fingers we can feel  
 Stretched out in pleading love; and blest indeed  
 Are we whose bread this day can help your need.  
 But who, oh, who is this with shining face  
 Who deigns to be our Guest and takes his place  
 With noiseless step about our humble board?  
 Ah, is it, can it be our Risen Lord?  
 Yea, it is He, with blessing in his touch,  
 (What is it that He whispers?  
 —"Inasmuch?")

*Youth's Companion.*

## INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

LOUISE DUNHAM GOLDSBERRY

*My house all at its best must be,  
For He, my Lord, today comes Guest to me:*

What shall I say—

What converse make—

The while my heart dines with my Lord the King?

The splendid golden day?

The laughters the leaves shake?

The even-dusk? The song the crickets sing?

Or chance a little child

Walk in the stony ways

The whiles with Him I eat my happy bread—

And ate—and smiled—

Called my bread good in fond child praise—

*O Lord my King!—Thy hand on my poor head?*

*Zion's Herald.*

## INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE DAY

*(For Near East Relief Orphanages)*

By ALMEDA WIGHT DRISCOLL

Whence came these children, host on host,

Now gathered in Hope's fold?

The Aftermath of war replies,

"The half can ne'er be told!"

War issues, racial hatreds bred

Down through the ages past,

Reached out their tentacles of death

To hold these children fast.

The Near East workers saw the need,

They knew that hearts of gold

Within their own dear native land

Their efforts would uphold;

And so they rescued all they could

From death and cruel hate;

Appeals to us were not in vain

Dire anguish to abate.

In vision childish hands we see  
 Outstretched in love to bless  
 The sympathetic hearts that gave  
 New life and happiness;  
 No shadow of a doubt obscured  
 Their faith in you and me;  
 And God hath placed within our hands  
 Their future destiny.

Because these children have been saved  
 Does not denote the end,  
 They must be fed, be clothed and taught  
 Like yours or mine, dear friend;  
 And so the Near East workers call  
 On hearts of gold to make  
 One Sunday's sacrifice of self  
 For these dear children's sake.

Can we not make the Golden Rule  
 The measure for one day,  
 Forego the many luxuries  
 And dine the same as they?  
 Our sacrificial offerings  
 May pave the way of peace;  
 The future citizens be taught  
 To will that hate shall cease.

*Presbyterian Survey.*

"THE HALF I GIVE"

By HARRY WEBB FARRINGTON

I cannot sleep  
 All through the night.  
 Frail figures creep  
 Before my sight:  
 Children, children, children stare  
 With sunken eyes and glassy glare:  
 Stunted, starved and spiritless,  
 Huddled in their helplessness.  
 Go, go, sweet sleep,  
 With speed of light  
 Across the deep,  
 Tonight! Tonight!

I cannot eat.  
At every place,  
My glances greet  
A famished face:  
Children, children, children stand  
From each stricken foreign land,  
Marking every move I make,  
Watching every bite I take.  
My bread and meat,  
Away, and race  
With death! Defeat  
Him: else, disgrace.

I cannot smile.  
For aught I try,  
I hear the while  
A bitter cry:  
Children, children, children lay  
Shorn of strength to laugh and play;  
Calling for their clothes and bread,  
Finding cold and stones instead.  
Then mile on mile,  
Like lightning fly!  
Go, bid them smile,  
For help is nigh.

I cannot spend  
Or hoard away  
My gold or lend  
It out for pay.  
Children from across the seas,  
See me in my wealth and ease;  
How can I escape their eyes,  
Or muffle their heart-rending cries?  
God help me end  
It! Here I lay  
Half my goods. Send  
It! To-day!

*New Near East.*

## UPLIFTING THOUGHTS\*

By HENRY VAN DYKE

They tell me thou art rich, my country; gold  
 In glittering flood has poured into thy chest;  
 Thy flocks and herds increase, thy barns are pressed  
 With harvest, and thy stores can hardly hold  
 Their merchandise; unending trains are rolled  
 Along thy network rails of east and west;  
 Thou art enriched in all things bought and sold!  
 But dost thou prosper? Better news I crave,  
 Oh, dearest country, is it well with thee  
 Indeed, and is thy soul in health?  
 A nobler people, hearts more wisely brave,  
 And thoughts that lift men up and make them free  
 These are prosperity and vital wealth.

## FROM FAMINE LANDS

By MARTHA HASKELL CLARK

*(A Returned Near East Relief Worker)*

I am a little better than a movie show  
 Because I speak reality. You know  
 That I was there, have worked and shared and seen.  
 And yet, like shadow pictures on the screen,  
 The scenes I paint bring but a passing thrill  
 Of pleasant horror. Self-complacent still,  
 You murmur, "Sad! So sad!" and go your way,  
 While cards, and tea-rooms, and the latest play  
 Will reap their easy millions through the week.

You cannot sense the things of which I speak.  
 You are not heartless. Could I only lay  
 One baby's body at your feet today,  
 Or here and now bring swift before your eyes  
 One mother watching by her child that dies,  
 You would be pitiful, would strain to give,—  
 And thousands doomed by apathy would live.  
 Great God of Nations, give me words to stir  
 These sleek-fed aisles of broadcloth and of fur!

*The Outlook.*

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## SHADOWS

*(Dedicated to Near East Relief)**By HELEN FRAZEE-BOWER*

She came like a flash of sunshine,  
The child from across the street,  
Skipping around the corner  
On trim little joyous feet;  
I watched from my open window  
The careless toss of her head,  
And caught the sound of her pleading,  
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

But swift in the wake of her sunshine,  
What was it that came behind?  
Shadows and phantoms of shadows,  
Crippled, and maimed, and blind.  
And what was the hollow thunder  
That echoed the words she said?—  
Voices of starving millions,  
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

Little gray ghosts of children,  
Waifs from across the sea—  
Armenia, Greece, and Syria—  
Spoke through that child to me.  
Her little plea of hunger  
A ready response will find—  
But what of those other children,  
The shadows who came behind?

How we in our comfort forget things!  
A wave of compassion and then  
Back to our poor selfish interests,  
Our own little troubles again.  
Well, bask if you can in your sunshine,  
Oh, you who are sheltered and fed;  
But I, I am haunted by shadows—  
"Mother, a piece of bread!"

*Sunday School Worker.*

## ARMENIA

By JAMES W. WISE

Within a land made desolate,  
A land that knows no hope of peace,  
The sorrow-wearied women wait,  
Half hoping for death's swift release.

Some sit there mourning for the dead,  
With hearts bowed down by bitter woe,  
While others ask for crusts of bread  
To give their children, murmuring low:

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*"There is a land beyond the seas  
Where life is good, and hopes are high,  
A land of birds and flowers and trees,  
Where little children need not die.*

*"And every night we kneel and pray  
For them who dwell beyond the sea,  
That God may guard their land, for they  
Have not forgotten you and me.*

*"Daily they send for our relief  
Their messengers of hope and faith  
Their bounty has assuaged our grief,  
And they have rescued us from death.*

*"In heaven and them we place our trust,  
Still let them hear our anguished cry:  
'Save us and ours,' and help they must,  
For if they fail us we shall die."*

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Say, shall their plea be answered not?  
Have we grown deaf to them who call  
For succour? Or have we forgot  
The brotherhood that binds us all?

Hears not my country what they ask?  
The bread of life! 'Tis ours to give.  
Up, land of freedom, to thy task.  
Resolved, these shall not die,—but live!

*New Near East.*



## THE GUARDIAN

By ANNA HAMILTON WOOD

The earth is shaken by the steady tread  
Of one who walks in silence and in pain,  
Whose arms, compassionate, are widely spread,  
Whose sodden garments bear the ugly stain  
Of self-debasement, yet whose eyes are clean  
And steadfast as the dew-washed rose of dawn.  
The road is very long and very steep.  
His patient feet are bruised by rock and thorn—  
Upheld by one great vision he has seen  
His aching heart denies the right to weep!

Up, up like mounting murmurs of a gale  
Across the world the moans of children float  
Re-echoing the hungry, lonely wail  
Of helplessness—creation's saddest note.  
Poor little derelicts, dust in the road  
Of Mars' steel chariot, who pay the price  
And cannot understand the reason why  
Theirs is the burden of war's sacrifice,  
Their tiny shoulders bent beneath the load  
So great it hides the blueness of God's sky!

Humanity is thoughtless more than cruel.  
The world is wide, and men of many lands  
Must learn the message of the Golden Rule  
To open callous hearts and selfish hands  
Toward the Near East where chaos walked, death-shod.  
One Sunday dinner with less bounty spread  
Gives touch of kinship with a hungry child;  
Thus guardian Heart of Brotherhood is led  
To know the tenderness that springs from God  
And onward climb, his vision undefiled!

*Baltimore Sun.*

## "CHARITY"

By EDWARD TYLER PERRY

*(A Returned Near East Relief Worker)*

"Oh, thank you for the dance, Jim, it was fine.  
I do enjoy these Charity affairs,  
They make me feel so virtuous for once.  
I'm starved, let's eat a sandwich on the stairs."

"STARVED! What means that word to you? Have  
you for one day even lacked  
Those dainties that you call your daily bread? Or  
have you named aloud  
A want that was not straightway satisfied? Ah, yes,  
you shrink at sight  
Of me lest I should touch you—I who once, like you,  
was also proud!

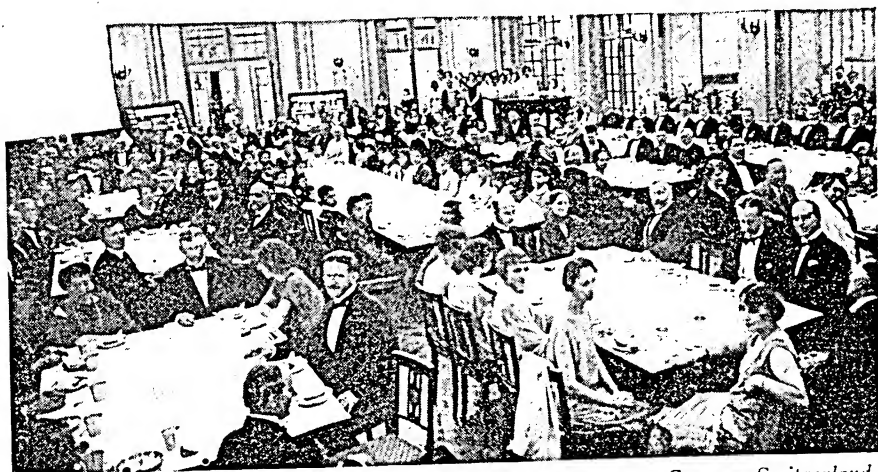
"Oh, God, those years—four years uncheered by any  
morsel worth the name  
Of food. Four years of grass and weeds and worse.  
And oft a crust or less  
Snatched from a mangy, wandering dog! Ah, know  
you what it is to seize  
The things you loathe, to satisfy th' eternal gnawing  
emptiness?

"And then my little Vartan, he that was to be, in my  
fond dreams  
At least, our President, when we in new Armenia  
should live,  
Grew weak. I watched each day his face grow pinched  
and those small limbs so shrink  
And twist as to be more like claws, while I—I had no  
food to give!

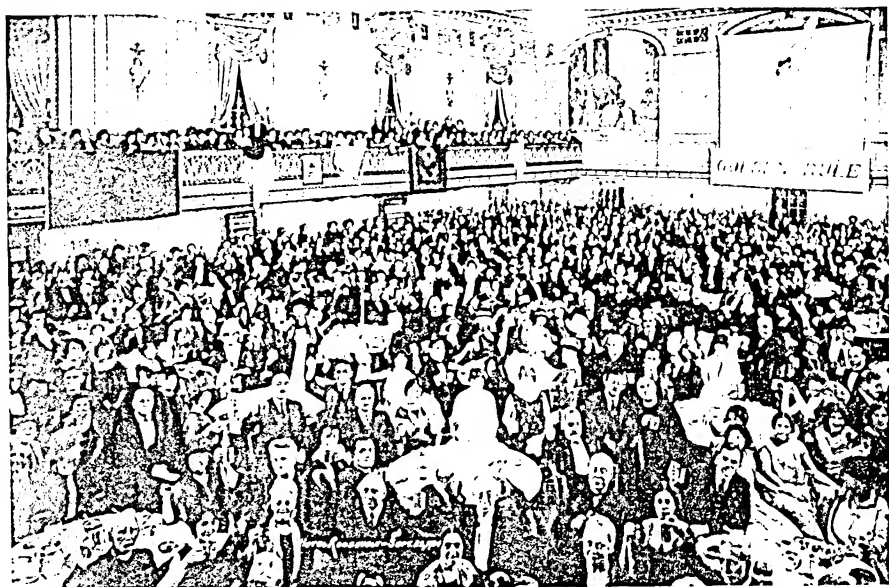
"Then came the day I hollowed out the sand with my  
weak hands and left  
Him there, and staggered on—and on. What happened  
since I cannot see  
Nor think, except a strange man came, and spoke to me  
strange words but kind,  
And led me 'neath a flag all stars and stripes, where life  
came back to me.



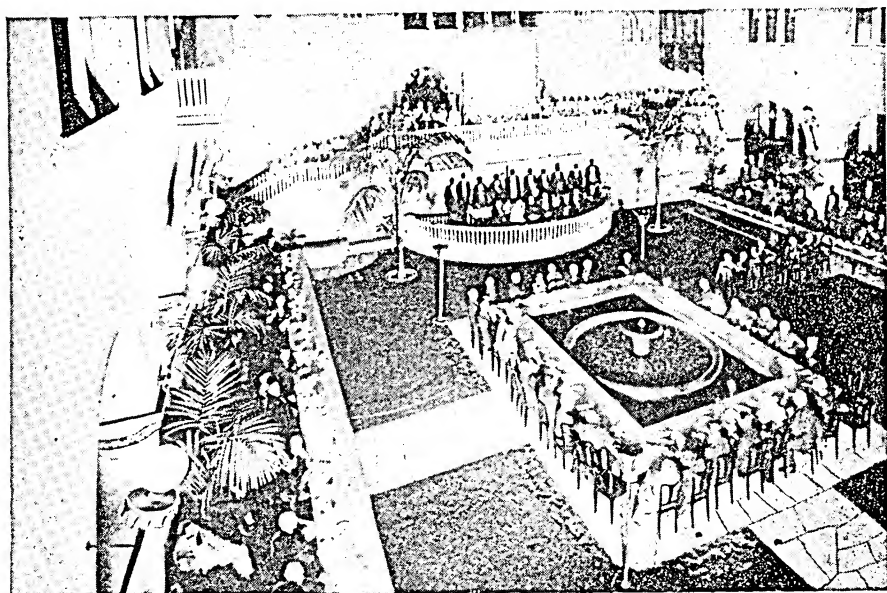
*First International Golden Rule Tea in the Gardens of the American Consulate, Jerusalem, August 10, 1924, Attended by Representatives of Eighteen Nations and Eighteen Religious Communion*



*First International Golden Rule Dinner, Hotel Les Bergues, Geneva, Switzerland, August 20, 1924, Presided over by Mr. Paul Hymans, President of the Council of the League of Nations. The Guests Represented More than a Score Of Countries*



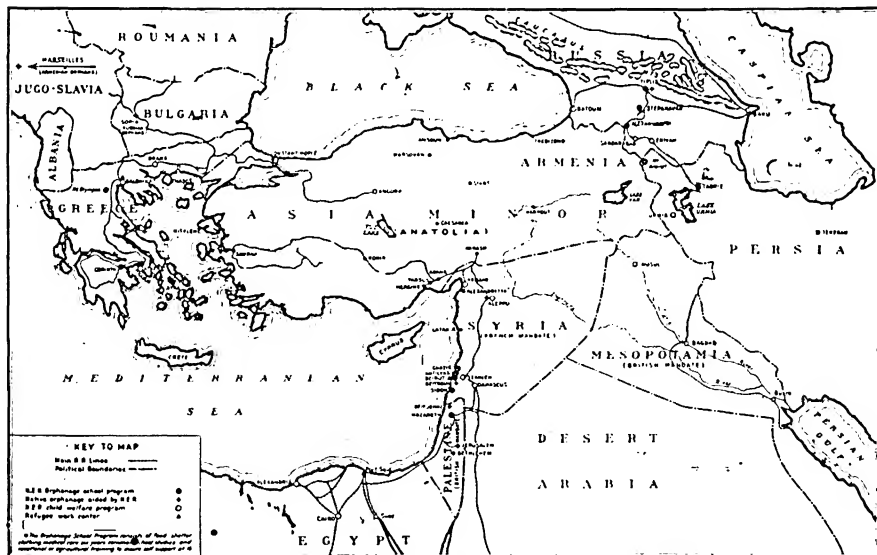
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*International Golden Rule Dinner at Stockholm, Sweden, August, 1925. Attended  
by 523 Guests Representing Thirty-one Countries and Thirty-seven  
Religious Communion*



*A Section of the International Golden Rule Dinner, Geneva, September 4, 1926*



### Where Near East Relief is Operating



*Hundreds and Hundreds and Hundreds of Orphans*



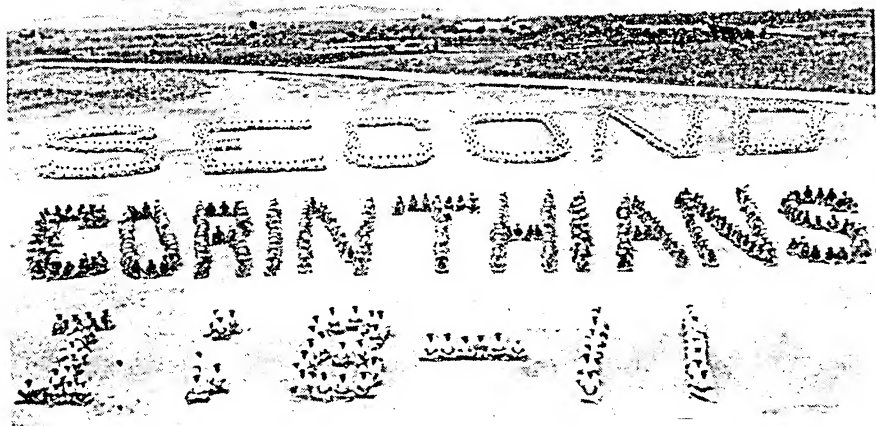
*The Anti-Malaria Squad Going Out to Clear the Irrigation Ditches in the Vineyards of Corinth*



*Multiply This Line by Twenty and You Have an Idea of the Bird's Nest  
At Sidon, Syria*



*Some of the 6,000 Orphans at Leninakan, Armenia, Where American Dollars Administered by Near East Relief Maintain  
the Largest Orphanage in the World*



*This Picture of Orphans Driven from Smyrna in Asia, was Taken on the Plains  
of Corinth Where Paul Ministered and Where Once Lived the Corinthians  
to Whom the Message of 1: Cor. 8-11 Was Written*





*Bird's Nest "Birdies" Doing Their Daily Dozen*





*Dinner at a Greek Orphanage*



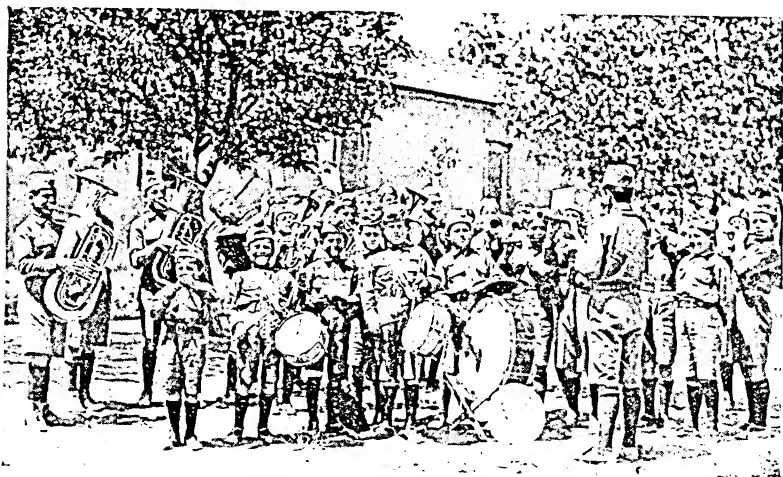
*A Group of the Smallest Asking a Blessing*



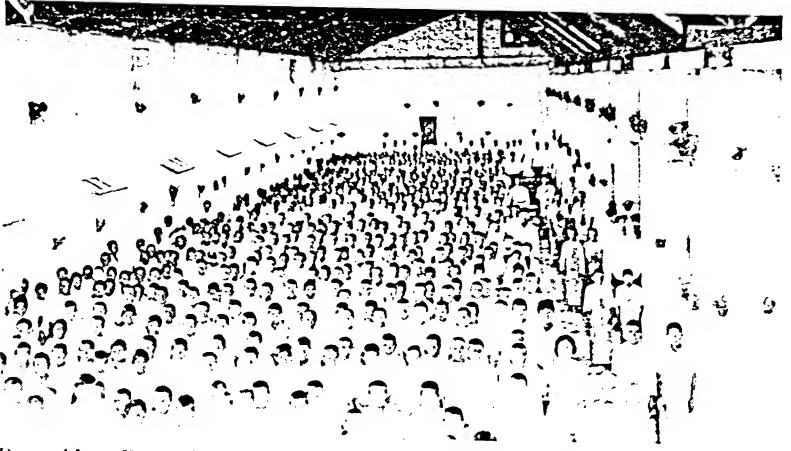
*Not Much Furniture at Syra, But the Carpenter Shop Boys Are Making It*



*When She Leaves the Orphanage She Will Be Self-Supporting  
as a Rug Maker*



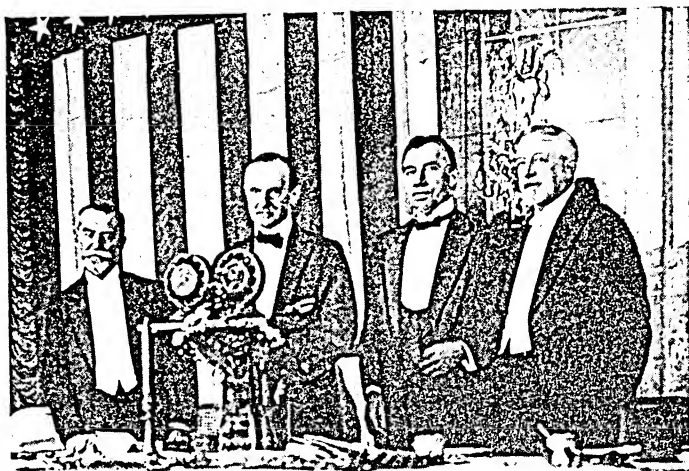
*These Orphan Youngsters Blow and Beat Heartily and Harmoniously on  
Instruments Sent Them From America*



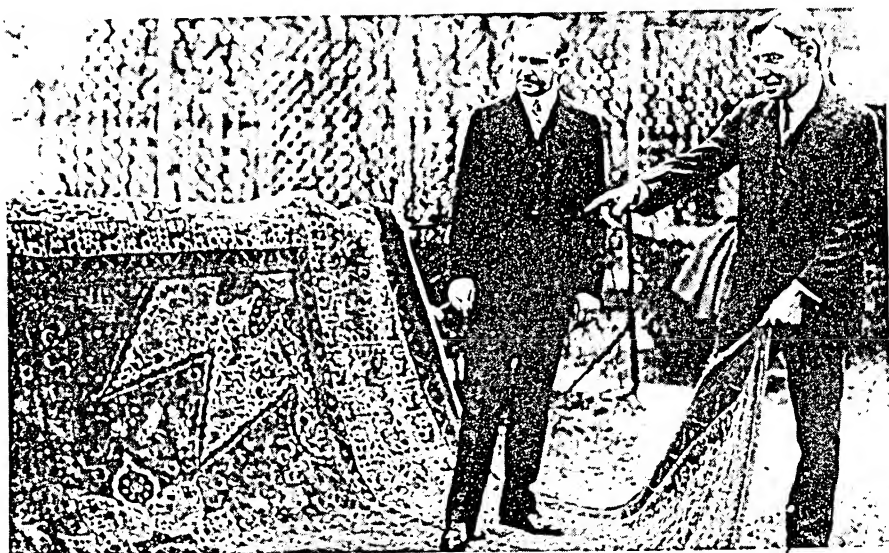
*Row After Row of Faces All Eager to Show America by Their Appreciation That Their Possessors Value What Has Been Done for Them*



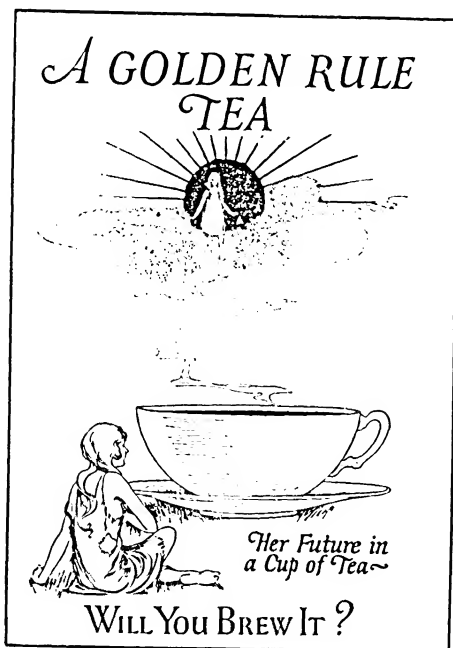
*One Hundred and Fifty International Golden Rule Luncheon Guests of Mr. Blatchford at Jerusalem, December 7, 1921, Included Representatives of the  
• British Government and of the Many Nationalities and Religions Centered in Jerusalem*



*The President, Ambassador Jusserand, Dr. Finley and Justice Sanford at the Golden Rule Dinner at Washington, D. C., on October 24, 1924*



*President Coolidge Receiving an Orphan-made Rug From Dr. John H. Finley*



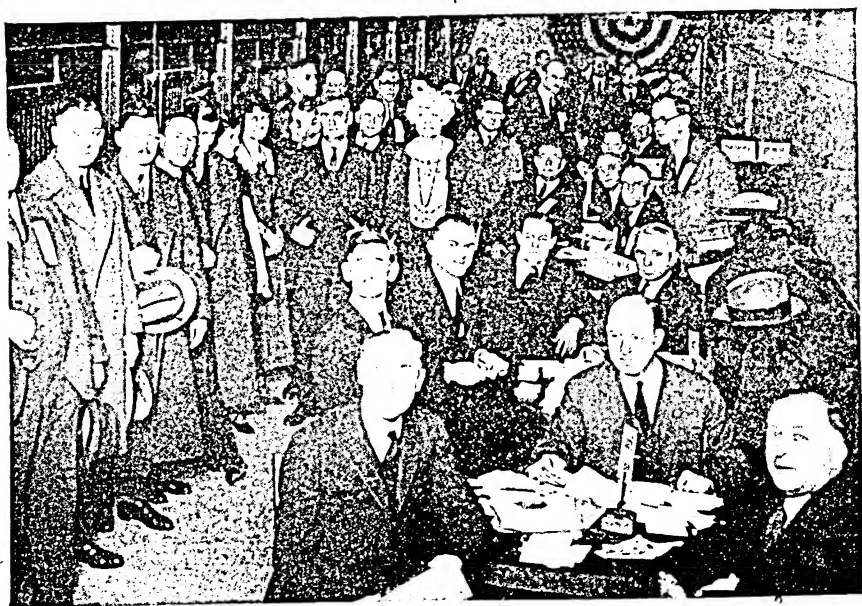
*Cover of the Golden Rule Tea Book Which  
Tells How to Give a Golden Rule Tea*



*Mrs. LeRoy Springs of Columbia, South Carolina, Assistant State Chairman  
of Near East Relief, the First American Woman to be Nominated Vice-  
President of the United States, Accepting a Cup of Golden Rule Tea*



*Volunteer Service is Given by Citizens of Richmond, Virginia, on the Golden Rule Committee*

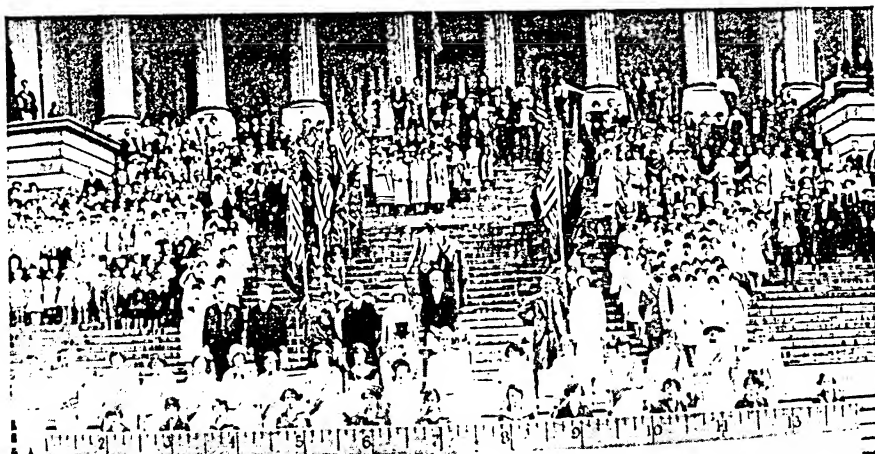


*Kansas City Volunteer Committee of Business Men*





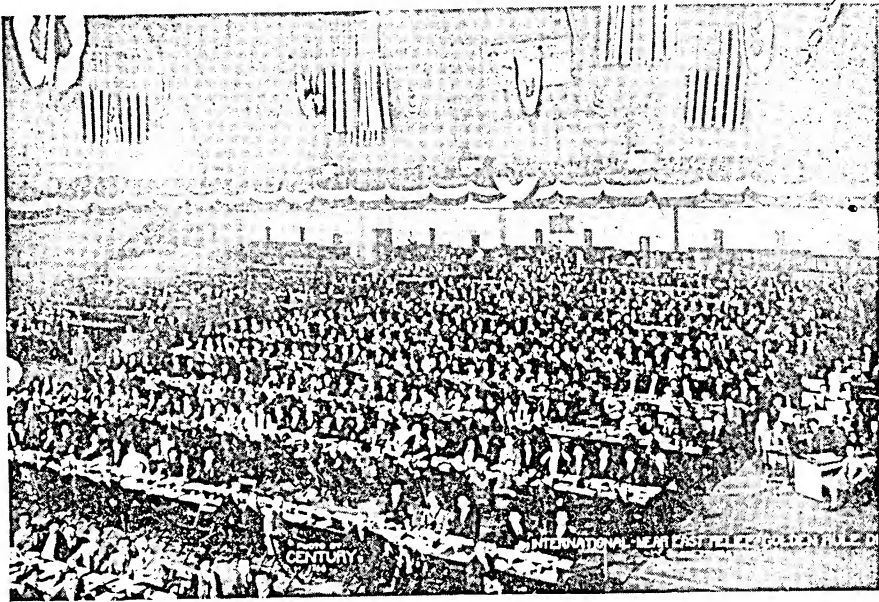
*Volunteers at the Denver Near East Relief Office Answering 8,335 Requests for Information About the Observance of Golden Rule Day*



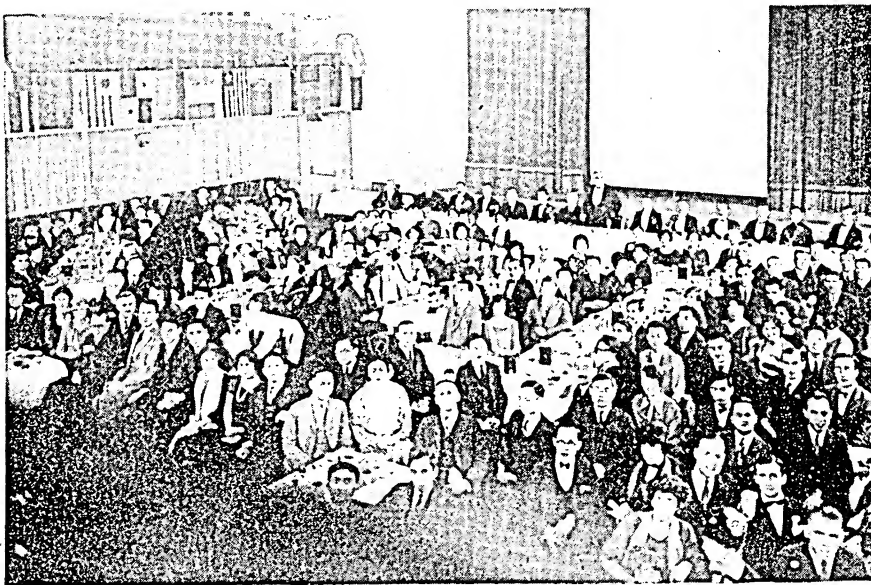
GOLDEN RULE CONVENTION  
**COLUMBIA, S.C. THE GOLDEN RULE CITY OF AMERICA**

WHERE 45,000 OBSERVED NEAR EAST RELIEF INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

*The Young People's Societies Earned the Title for Columbia in 1924*



*Dinner of Young People's Societies in the 69th Regiment Armory, New York City. The Guests Numbered 1,500*



*Golden Rule Dinner at International House, New York, Attended by 255 Students from Fifty Countries*





*Painted and Illuminated Sign Donated in Detroit to the Golden Rule Campaign*



*Eight Thousand Panels Carried This Poster Across the Country in 1925 Contributed by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America with No Expense to Golden Rule Funds*



## "Stand By Us A Little Longer"

The Golden Rule Orphans of the Near East

*The Orphans' Appeal to America in 1925.  
Hundreds of Thousands of Copies of This  
Poster in Various Sizes Were Distributed  
Throughout the United States*



*"Chic" Jackson Drew This Cartoon for Golden Rule Sunday*



*Given to the Golden Rule Campaign by a  
Sympathetic Cartoonist of the Denver  
News-Times*



*Cartoon Contributed to Golden Rule by  
the Rocky Mountain News, Denver*



Rochester, N. Y. Herald  
A Well-Balanced Meal



Cartoon in the LITTONS NOTES



"CAN'T YOU SPARE ME A LITTLE?"

Cartoon in New York Morning "World"



Rochester N. Y. Democrat and Chronicle  
The Great Mother

## Actual Meals *of the* Near East Orphan

## BREAKFAST



## Cocoa and Bread

DINNER.

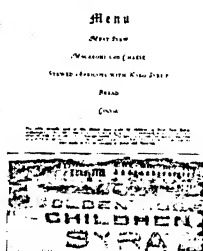


Beans, (Lamb stew ) Bread

SUPPER



Grits, Apricots, Bread



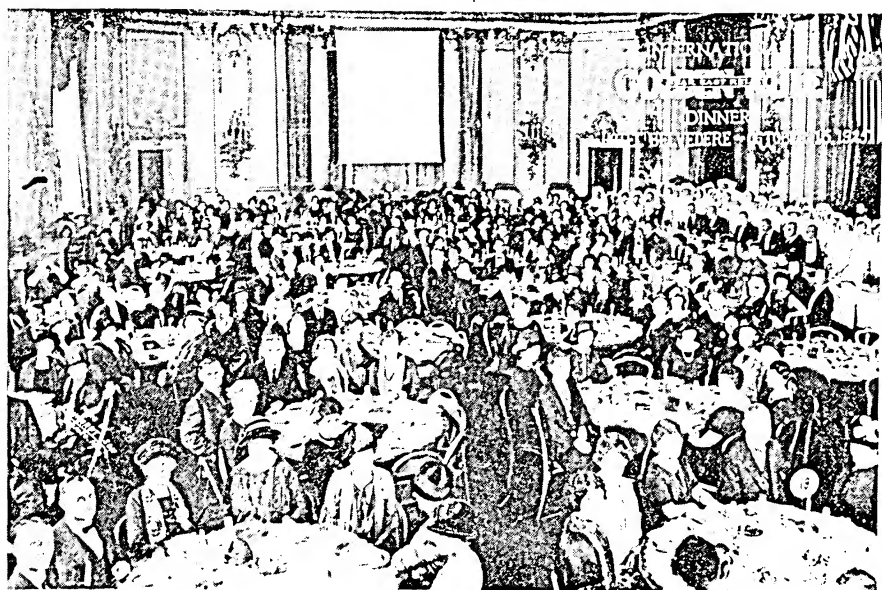
*Standard Menu Card for Golden Rule Dinners. Both sides Shown*



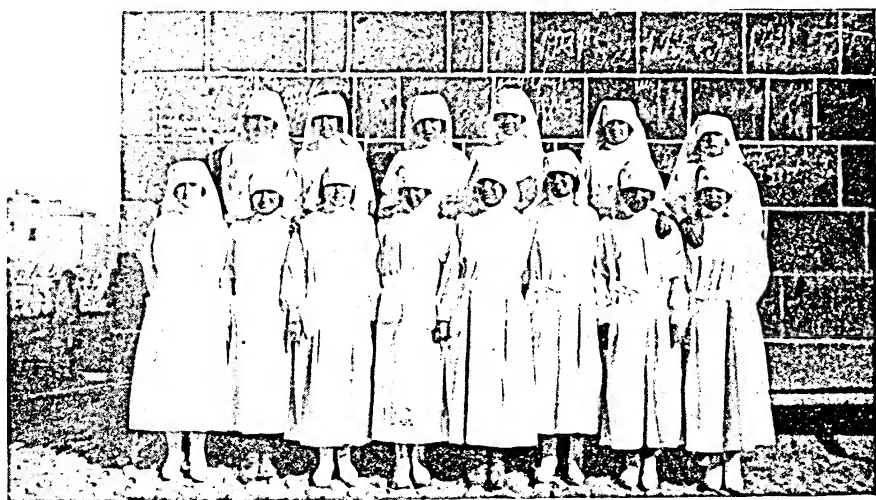
*Governor Fields, of Kentucky, Pledging Himself to Observe Golden Rule Sunday*



*Brooklyn, New York, Held an Enthusiastic Golden Rule Dinner*



*The Golden Rule Dinner in Baltimore Was a Success in Every Way*



*Nurses in One of the Three Nurses' Training Schools Established by Near East Relief to Provide a New Profession Greatly Needed in the Near East*



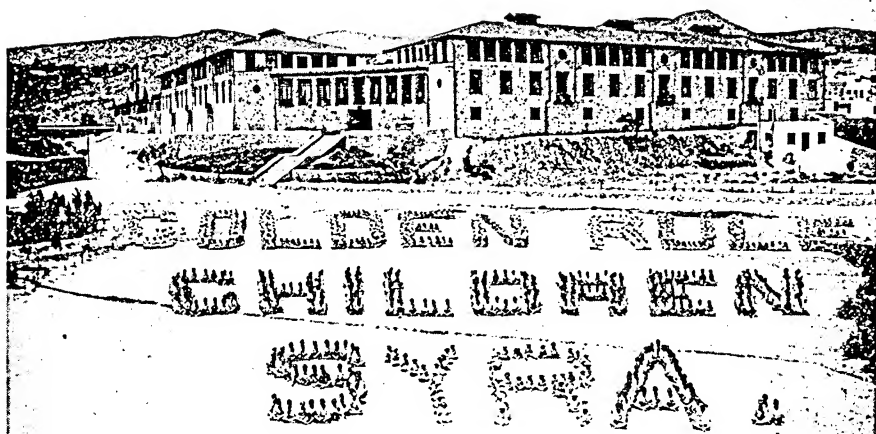


*Ball Room of the New Willard Hotel Filled at the Washington Golden Rule Dinner at Which President Coolidge Made a Memorable Address*



*In Athens Near East Relief Has Established the Only Deaf-Mute Class in Greece. It is Taught by an American-Trained Greek, Miss Palatidou*





*On an Island in the Aegean Sea Rises an Orphanage whose Buildings were Constructed by the Older Orphan Boys and Refugee Men*



*These are the St. Louis Golden Rulers at the Hotel Statler*



*Los Angeles Practices the Golden Rule*



*Golden Rule Dinner at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, October 9, 1924.  
1,000 Guests*

*Far-West, Mid-West, South and East. All Follow the Golden Rule*

"Aye, Charity you call it, but for this which is to me  
my life  
A debt I claim. My kinsmen fought your fight and  
therein bravely fell.  
And I, thrice given a chance for comfort bought by  
selling of my God  
And yours, preferred those miles of wandering and  
years of tortured hell.

"Yet, still you hesitate, and while you shrink  
Again I weaken and those pangs so dread  
Are seizing me once more. My lips are parched;  
E'en Charity I now must beg—Bread!

"My God, hast Thou forsaken me thus now?  
Dost Thou, too, weary of my plea? Christ, Thou?"  
*New Near East.*

### I HAVE A LITTLE CHILD

*By E. A. WATSON HYDE*

I have a little child! I, who have sorrowed  
That life's chief blessing should have passed me by,  
Suddenly, out of the blue of God's clear heaven,  
I heard its cry.

Tuned to distress, my heart stood still, awaiting  
Her who should soothe the babe to laugh instead.  
But some one said, "We have no power to soothe it,  
And she is dead!

"Besides the mother-hunger it is starving  
For milk to nourish it, for bread to eat.  
Cold are its little limbs, so thinly covered;  
Bare are its feet.

"Barren the land since war swept through and round it,  
Empty the granaries till next year's prime,  
And the Grim Reaper gathers his rich harvest  
Before his time."

It cries for bread? My table here is laden.  
Here's milk and bread—take this, and this, and this!  
And pay? Ah, no, save on some glad tomorrow,  
Its feet to kiss.

And if 'tis given me, through God's great bounty,  
To thwart that Reaper for a little space,  
To clothe the limbs, to bring back smiles and color  
To the wan face,

May I not feel—though it be poor pretending—  
A little of that mother-love divine,  
And think, as tears once more give place to laughter,  
The child is mine?

What matters it that one has missed the heaven  
Of small head lying on one's breast?  
Of slender body at one's tired knee leaning,  
One's hand caressed?

Is it not much that he shall grow to manhood  
Who else were numbered with the war's pale dead,  
Simply because from plenteous store I offered  
Of milk and bread?

To know that there is saved for great tomorrows  
A man who may stand firm for truth and right,  
May be the one to lead a groping people  
Toward the light?

Somewhere in distant lands a child is happy,  
And growing happier with its every breath,  
My child, whom, through God's gracious bounty,  
I saved from death.

*New Near East.*

## THE GOLDEN RULE

By LEROY HURON KELSEY

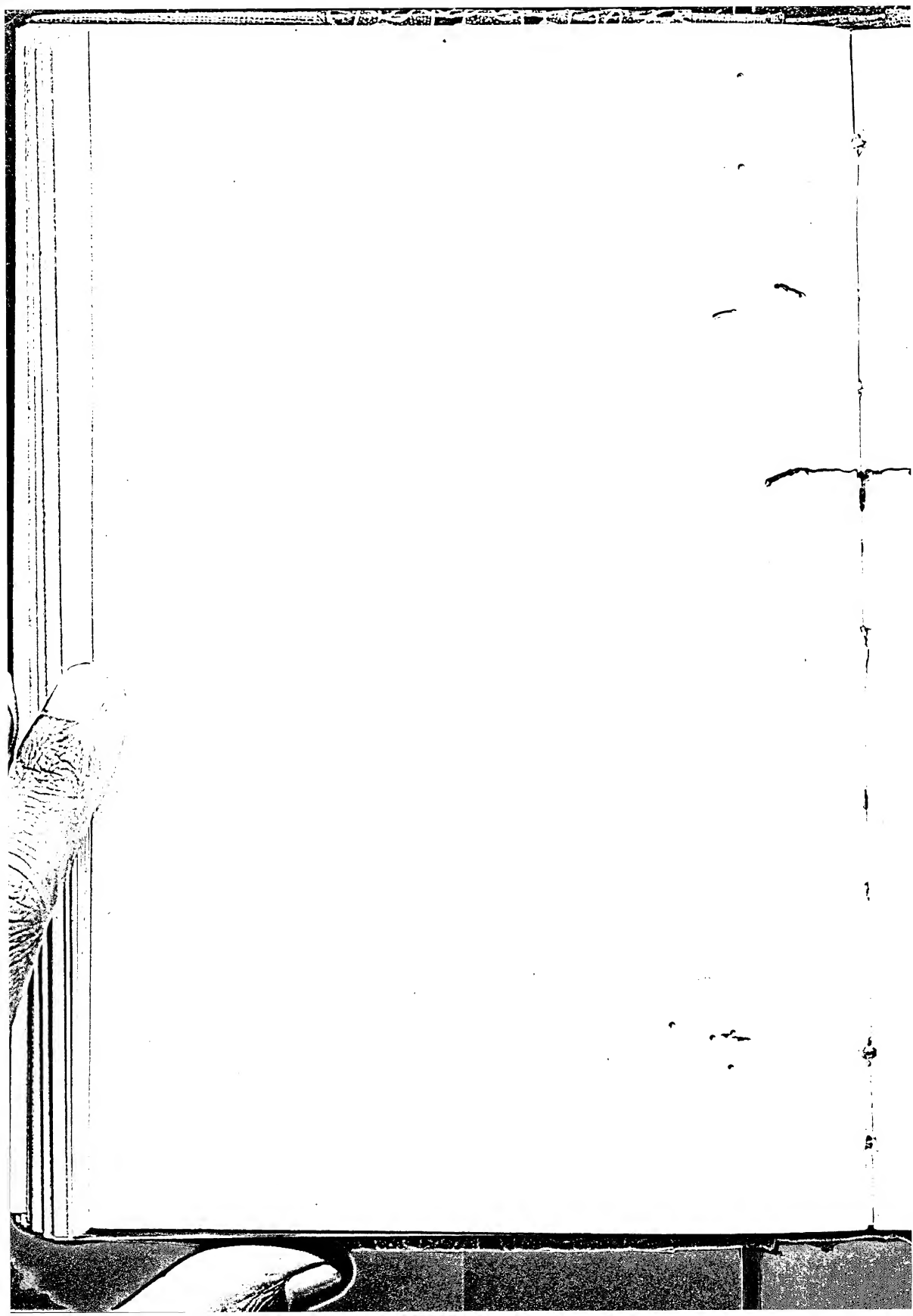
Fewer heartaches, fewer tears,  
Less of need for anxious fears,  
Less of sorrow, less distress,  
Less discouraged restlessness;  
Not so much of crime and vice,  
Fewer tempting to entice,  
Not so many courts and jails,  
When the Golden Rule prevails.

Smaller worries, lighter loads,  
Greater vigor, smoother roads,  
Less oppression, less of grief,  
More of joy and sweet relief;  
Not so much of pain or strife,  
More of worthy things in life,  
Less of weeping, fewer wails,  
When the Golden Rule prevails.

Less of seeking power and pelf,  
More of service, less of self,  
More of kindness, less of greed,  
More of comfort, less of need;  
More of words that bring a smile,  
More of doing deeds worth-while,  
More of pluck that never quails,  
When the Golden Rule prevails.

Less of readiness to sneer,  
More of gratitude sincere,  
Fewer things impure, uncouth,  
More of chastity and truth;  
Less unrighteousness and sin,  
Less remorse and keen chagrin,  
Less of all that mars or fells,  
When the Golden Rule prevails.

*Jefferson City, Missouri, Tribune.*



## PART II

### XXII

## THE GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN

### ORGANIZATION OF CITY, COMMUNITY OR LOCAL GOLDEN RULE COMMITTEES

The aim of the National Golden Rule Committee is to have in addition to state committees a city or local committee in every community in the United States to put on the local Golden Rule campaign to secure the observance of Golden Rule Sunday.

1. The committee should include:

- a. One outstanding citizen who may be asked to serve as chairman.
- b. A prominent business man, usually a leading banker, to serve as treasurer.
- c. The president or other representative of the local federation of women's clubs.
- d. Superintendent or other representative of the public schools.
- e. One or more leading pastors.
- f. Representative of the service clubs of the city.
- g. Representative of the Chamber of Commerce.
- h. Representative of the Sunday Schools.
- i. Representative of the Young People's Societies.
- j. Representative of the Boy Scouts.
- k. Representative of the Girl Scouts.
- l. Representative of fraternal organizations.
- m. Representative of labor organizations.
- n. Representative of any leading plant or industries of the city.
- o. Editor or representative of the press.

NOTE: *Strong committees are not always built by rules. Sometimes, the best committee consists of a strong chairman to direct the work and a well-known treasurer to receive the funds. The main point is to get the work done.*

## I ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

For organization purposes a preliminary meeting of this committee may be called together with other volunteer workers in connection with the luncheon, Golden Rule dinner or tea. See pages 109-112.

At this preliminary meeting, if time permits, pictures may be shown of the children of the Near East and additional information given as to the needs to which the Golden Rule contributions will be applied. These pictures, either in the form of a one-reel movie, slides or smaller Brayco pictures, may frequently be secured by applying to the state office. (See page 144.) Pictures are not essential. The main purpose is to decide upon a goal and to organize to attain that goal. Aside from the election of the usual officers, responsibilities should be definitely assigned to sub-committees—

1. For the enlistment of volunteer workers.
2. For publicity.
3. For preliminary Golden Rule dinners, if such are desired. See pages 109-112.
4. For enlisting churches and Sunday Schools.
5. For enlisting public schools.
6. For enlisting commercial and service clubs.
7. For enlisting women's organizations.
8. For enlisting young people's organizations.
9. For enlisting labor organizations.
10. For enlisting fraternal organizations.
11. For enlisting Boy Scouts.
12. For enlisting Girl Scouts.
13. For enlisting other cooperating societies.

## II COOPERATING AGENCIES

Never has any organization had more hearty cooperation than Near East Relief.

The cooperation of the local organizations can as a rule be counted upon and letters from the national headquarters to the local societies can be secured, if desired. The following are some of the more important organizations that have endorsed International Golden Rule Sunday. For a more complete list of organizations that have endorsed or are cooperating in International Golden Rule Sunday see pages 140-143.

1. Practically all General Assemblies, Conferences, Councils of nearly all denominations and church bodies.
2. International Council of Religious Education and the World's Sunday School Association.



3. Leaders of the National Education Association.
4. National Congress of Parents and Teachers.
5. The General Federation of Women's Clubs.
6. United Society of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, Baptist Young People's Union, and similar church Young People's Societies.
7. International Advertising Association.
8. The National Fraternal Congress of America.
9. The Knights of Columbus.
10. The Y. M. C. A.
11. The Boy Scouts of America.
12. The Railroad Brotherhoods.

The favorable attitude of these organizations and their official cooperation should greatly facilitate the work of the local committees.

### III COMPUTATION

Decide how many families or individuals in the city may be reached and may reasonably be expected to give favorable consideration to the appeal for a Golden Rule Sunday observance.

### IV SECURING MATERIAL

Order through the nearest state or regional office, as listed on page 154, a sufficient quantity of literature.

### V PROCEDURE

If the house to house plan of distribution and collection is agreed upon, enlist through the churches, service clubs or other cooperating organizations, a sufficient number of volunteer workers to visit every home and distribute the literature the week preceding Golden Rule Sunday and to call for the contributions on the afternoon of Golden Rule Sunday. The South Carolina plan, successful for two years, may be found on page 92.

*Workers.* Sometimes a local organization will sponsor the entire campaign. In any case the organizations are sure to furnish needed workers on the committee. There should be plenty of them and they should be chosen for character, industry and ability.

*Captains.* There should be a captain for each ten or twenty workers and the number of teams should be determined by the size of the community.

*The House to House Canvass* calls for the distribution of Golden Rule Sunday educational material and the collection of contributions a few days later.

*Preparation* of such packet material as may be decided upon may be done by the young people—Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, etc.

*Distribution* may be effected by the same people one week before Golden Rule Sunday.

*Collection* should be on Golden Rule Sunday and should be made by older teams.

*An Inspirational Meeting*, addressed by a pastor or other effective worker, should be held on the Friday evening before Golden Rule Sunday. In cities the state Near East Relief committee can usually furnish a speaker. Returned overseas workers and travelers will be glad to serve as speakers and will make good material for newspaper interviews.

*Collectors* should be familiar with the material so that they may answer questions. They should report to their captains at the meeting held before they start out at which they will receive the lists of people on whom they are to call. They will report to their captains again and turn in their money and pledges as soon as they have finished their rounds.

*Publicity.* The campaign means news that local papers are glad to handle. For Publicity Plans see pages 101-104.

*Newspaper Editorials.* Send to national or state headquarters (see page 144) for copy suitable to each step of the campaign.

*Newspaper Advertising.* Local advertisers will usually be willing to contribute Golden Rule advertisements or to run boxes or lines in their own advertising.

*Posters and Booklets.* The campaign poster should be widely distributed in windows, cars, on bulletin boards, etc. The interest of local merchants should be enlisted for the distribution of the booklets contributed by various national food manufacturers.

*Public Schools.* Through the member of the Board of Education on the Committee children in all schools, public, private and parochial, should be asked to secure the Golden Rule Sunday observance in their homes.

A specially designed Golden Rule collection device has been prepared and will be furnished free for use in the public schools.

Cards bearing an enlargement of the design on page 15 will be sent upon request to public schools and Sunday schools to be colored and sent through Near East Relief to the children in the orphanages of Bible Lands. They, in return, before Easter of 1927, will gather press, mount and send to each public school and Sunday School so requesting, samples of flowers gathered from the hills around Sidon and Jerusalem.

For suggestions as to how one local committee operated last year, see "How Tacoma (the Golden Rule City) Did It"—on page 90.

*Churches.* Announcements of the day should be made on the two preceding Sundays. *Under no circumstances should collections for the Near East be taken in the churches on Golden Rule Sunday unless requested by the State Committee, as they would interfere with the house to house campaign and with other arrangements that may be made in connection with church field days at another period of the year.*

#### SMALLER TOWN OR COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

In smaller towns and rural communities it will not be practicable to organize as large a committee as suggested for the cities, but in every community in the United States a Golden Rule ambassador or representative will be sought out who will bring the appeal for Golden Rule observance for the local press, churches, schools and fraternal organizations to the citizens of the community adapting the above suggested plans to the local situation. There is probably no community where some person may not, by leading in the committee work, have the privilege of saving the life of one or more orphan children.

In the next section are described successful Golden Rule campaigns of a large Western city and a Southern town.

## XXIII

### HOW TACOMA DID IT

#### METHODS

1. City and District leaders of the several cooperating organizations met at luncheon, October 30.
2. Obtained advice and cooperation of the Tacoma Committee of Near East Relief which represents the adult organizations of the city.
3. Held a Golden Rule dinner for 500 representative leaders of the 103 local cooperating Societies. Every item donated. Each Society agreed to be responsible for getting every member of its church to observe Golden Rule Sunday and to make a canvass of all homes in the vicinity of the church.
4. Arranged addresses at rallies of all societies by denominations; in every public, private and parochial school; before Parent and Teacher Associations, Women's Clubs, Luncheon Clubs, Lodges, Labor Unions—practically every organization in Tacoma.
5. Golden Rule Dinner at Winthrop Hotel, with over 500 people representing various organizations of the city. All supplies and services donated. Over \$500 cash and eight orphan sponsorships secured.
6. Liberal newspaper publicity. Large billboards contributed in twenty-five strategic places. Boy Scouts placed posters in every store in the city.
7. Catholics, Jews, Mormons, Protestants and Buddhists cooperated. White, black and yellow races. Japanese, German, Swedish and Greek as well as native Americans.
8. Office space donated, telephone half rates, special prices in printing, etc.
9. Financial appeal in the churches, for cash and pledges.
10. Church and Sunday School announcements, November 29, urging home observance, December 6, 1925.
11. Packets distributed to homes, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Girl Reserves assisting.
12. Careful collection of thank offerings by teams of young people and adults.

*The Motive.* To render service in a worthy but needy cause, not primarily to capture a trip to Palestine for one of their number.

## WHAT IT DID FOR TACOMA

1. General Golden Rule atmosphere throughout the city.
2. Remarkable cooperation of all organizations, religions, nationalities, races.
3. Additional young workers for church and civic service hereafter, with feeling of assurance they can do things.
4. Permanent federation of Tacoma Young People's Societies for cooperative service in the future.
5. Financial returns \$15,500—three times as much as Tacoma ever gave before for Near East Relief.
6. Tacoma made the Golden Rule City of America.

I wish we had some way of letting you know *how much good the campaign did this community (Tacoma, Wash.)*. The contributions, whether large or small, do not tell the story. You must have been impressed, yourself, with the sympathetic attitude of the public. The general feeling was that this is a cause that should be heard and that *the appeal should be made direct to the people*. Everywhere I heard the strongest approval and admiration for the motives and methods and the magnitude of this humanitarian enterprise. The schools particularly were thrilled by the vitalized message you delivered. *Nothing in many a day has done so much good as the Golden Rule campaign*. There is reason to believe that it was very generally observed and thousands were thus brought into close touch with suffering humanity as well as with Him who said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

E. A. LAYTON,  
*Director of Health.*

## XXIV

### HARTSVILLE GOLDEN RULE CAMPAIGN

A typical Golden Rule program in South Carolina. The campaign was similar to that which made Columbia, S. C., the "Golden Rule City of America" for 1924 and Chester, S. C., the "Golden Rule City of America" for 1923.

#### "SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CAMPAIGN"

1. *"Golden Rule Tea.* Held at one of the most beautiful homes this was an outstanding event for the crusade or campaign. Pictures on the Daylight Screen were shown. Among the musical numbers the International Golden Rule Hymn here, as at other teas over the state, was very effective. After the Near East Relief message, cards with pencils attached were signed by thirty of the ladies, one-third of those present, volunteering to go out on the Monday following Golden Rule Sunday and harvest the contributions.
2. *"Golden Rule Dinner.* Preceding the Golden Rule Tea a Golden Rule Dinner was given at Coker College and leaders of the town, county and Mayors and Kiwanis officers for that district of the state and the students were invited. The Kiwanis Club sponsored this dinner, sent out the invitations and made the arrangements for free food. Five hundred were present. Candle light was used instead of electric lights while eating. Movies were shown by candle light. A vacant baby chair was for the "Unseen Guest," a Near East Relief orphan.
3. *"Golden Rule Committee.* This was typical as organized for the Crusades. The general chairman was the Commanding General. On his staff were the following brigadier-generals:
  1. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Finance (Treasurer).
  2. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Golden Rule Teas.
  3. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Golden Rule Dinners.
  4. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Speakers' Bureau.
  5. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Press, local and state dailies.
  6. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Mill Communities.
  7. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Young People's Societies' Division.

8. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Women's Crusade Division and Harvest Day.
9. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Public School and Sunday School Division.
10. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of General Publicity, Posters, Movies, Announcements.
11. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Colored People's Division.
12. Brig.-Genl. or Colonel of Greek, Syrian, Armenian and like groups.

Each brigadier-general had his or her colonels, majors, captains, etc.

4. *"Golden Rule Packet Preparation and Distribution.* This was done by the members of the young people's societies. Every packet was addressed in ink with the address to which it was to be delivered. One packet went to each home. Inside was a regular church pledge envelope for each person not attending public or high school and the name of the person was written on this pledge envelope. Following a sandwich lunch at each young people's society on the Sunday afternoon preceding Golden Rule Sunday the Young People's Crusaders went forth to deliver their packets. They went in pairs. A record which each pair kept contained the name of the person to whom the packet was delivered. This was to be to an adult. Each society had a definite district, put on pageants, brief plays and cooperated in countless ways. Young People's Crusaders three days after delivery phoned every telephone to inquire if the packet was received and to remind the listener of the observance contribution.
5. *"The Mayor's Proclamation mentioned the Golden Rule Minute on Golden Rule Sunday at 1:30 P. M.*
6. *"Publicity.* Boy Scouts put up posters in windows, etc. A Golden Rule window dressing contest was a help. There was a benefit movie matinee of five Near East Relief reels. Press publicity in local and state dailies was generous.
7. *"Cooperation* was secured from 100% of all organized civic, religious, social, fraternal and patriotic associations, all working together to be the "Golden Rule City of America" and to have the great honor of having the National Golden Rule Representative go from their community.
8. *"Cash-in.* Sponsorship officers of the Brigadier-general of Finance visited large givers before the Harvesters went forth. On Monday A. M., 10 o'clock, the women Crusaders went out,

aided by men in the business districts. The objective was to have every individual make a generous contribution. Boys and girls gave through the public schools using Golden Rule truck cards. The mill and colored groups had special harvesters."

9. "*National Cooperation*. An effort was made to use to full advantage in the State all national headquarters helps and contacts."



## XXV

### APPROACH TO COOPERATING AGENCIES

Local Golden Rule Committeemen have the support of an exceptionally large and influential group of national organizations and leaders, including President Coolidge and the Governors of most of the states. Not only have the President and the Governors of many of the states given their endorsement to Golden Rule Sunday, but a considerable number of Governors have issued proclamations in their states calling for observance of the day, and have appointed from the executive offices state and local committees. See pages 118-125.

National magazines and publications, monthly, weekly and daily, give a cooperation to a non-sectarian, non-political observance of Golden Rule Sunday which could not be given to any organization with sectarian, political or sectional interests.

#### I CHURCHES

Forty-four national church bodies are cooperating, including Adventists, Baptists, Catholics, Congregationalists, Disciples, Episcopalians, Friends, Latter Day Saints, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Reformed, Universalists and others.

#### II SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The World's Sunday School Association is cooperating officially; the International Council of Religious Education, through its special committee, is giving every possible aid and endorsement; its official organ carries a large amount of publicity. Thirty-six national Sunday School bodies, including Adventists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Disciples, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Reformed, Universalists and others cooperate in the plans outlined above.

Students of Religious Education are finding in the Golden Rule movement material to employ in many useful ways.

#### III YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Eight national young people's societies, including the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Southern Epworth League, Baptist Young People's Union of America, Luther League, National Federation of Episcopal Young People, Young People's Christian Union, Young People's Religious Union and others, totaling 5,500,000 members, cooperate in most instances by unanimous action of

their national convention or highest official body. In the largest of these national societies, the promotion of the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday is approved as one of their major activities and is officially directed from the national headquarters.

The General Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor reports that about 3,000 Christian Endeavor societies have enrolled a total of more than a hundred thousand observers of Golden Rule Sunday.

Other national Young People's organizations are giving similar cooperation. A special pamphlet on methods of work in Young People's Societies will be sent upon request, addressed to National headquarters or to any of the addresses given on pages 144 and 145.

#### IV PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Private schools and colleges likewise, through their assemblies, fraternities, sororities, athletic associations, literary clubs and alumni associations, welcome and encourage the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday because of its call to world brotherhood and international good will without injecting any feature to which any patron of the school or college could take exception.

#### V PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Public school superintendents and teachers as well as officers of the Parent and Teacher Associations are cooperating heartily in recognition of the character-building value of Golden Rule observance and the opportunity it gives for the enlisting of public school children in an activity that is free from all possible religious or partisan criticism.

#### VI MEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

##### SERVICE CLUBS

The great national and international Service Clubs which have come to play such an influential part in the civic life of our country are giving splendid cooperation in the International Golden Rule Sunday Movement. This is altogether fitting in the light of the fact that these clubs not only feature the Golden Rule in their codes of ethics but interest themselves in the welfare of handicapped and underprivileged children.

*Ten international and national service clubs, including International Kiwanis, International Rotary, Civitan Clubs, Optimists, International Lions, International Advertising Association, International Exchange*

Clubs, Shrine Clubs, Gyro Clubs, and Columbus Clubs, heartily endorse Golden Rule Sunday.

Wherever possible one or more clubs should be secured actively to sponsor the local campaign. In numerous instances all of the clubs have combined to give a Golden Rule Dinner. This dinner should be an important part of the campaign and at least one Service Club can usually be found in each city to promote it. In addition to furnishing the leadership and the teams of responsible collectors one or more of the service clubs will frequently sponsor an orphan.

#### FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

*Fifty-six national fraternal organizations*, including Masons, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Columbus, Foresters of America, I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum, and others, not only endorse the Golden Rule appeal but in several instances have mailed the Golden Rule appeal to their members from their own stencilled lists on their own stationery over the signatures of their own national officers and at their own expense.

They frequently give a type of support similar to that supplied by Service Clubs, and in addition they often make contributions from their treasuries.

#### CHURCH CLUBS

The Men's Clubs of the Churches are logical promoters of International Golden Rule Sunday and can be depended upon to furnish their quota of the workers needed in the campaign.

#### INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Many large business corporations and organizations are benevolently disposed but because of differences of religious, racial, or political affiliations are not able to unite on other benevolences. They can and do unite in giving the support of their organizations, advertising facilities, and financial aid to the Golden Rule observance.

#### NATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

A large proportion of these influential bodies have circularized their memberships in favor of International Golden Rule Sunday and some of them have gone to the public with their direct appeals for the general observance of the day.

#### LARGE BUSINESS FIRMS

Some of the largest corporations in the country, among them the Western Union Telegraph Company, the Corn Products Refining Company, Borden Sales Company, Inc., and the J. C. Penney Com-

pany, Inc., the American Hotels Corporation and the United Hotels Company of America, have given splendid cooperation.

In several instances large quantities of special literature have been printed and circulated by them.

#### CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

In certain instances the local Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade is the most active men's organization available and will furnish the larger part, if not all, of the leadership and working force required. In no case should its potential importance to the success of the campaign be overlooked. Even when it is not in a position to furnish workers it can circularize its membership with good effect.

#### INTERNATIONAL ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION

This great organization has repeatedly endorsed International Golden Rule Sunday and has voted to assign a member of each local club for special work in the campaign.

A proportion of the members of the local advertising club can usually be depended upon to devote a part of their newspaper, show window and counter display advertising to the promotion of the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. Local committees should get in touch with the officers and members of the club and should be sure to have one or more of its representatives on the committee.

*The Members of the Bill Posting Association* have given the free use of their bill boards throughout the country for the display of Golden Rule Sunday posters.

#### BOY SCOUTS

This great organization not only has endorsed International Golden Rule Sunday but by means of articles printed in its magazines has advised the participation of Scouts in Golden Rule Sunday campaigns.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and similar character-building organizations welcome participation in Golden Rule observance as a logical part of the program of unselfish service for the development of which they are organized.

Scouts can be used effectively in distributing literature or packets.

#### VII WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Among the women's organizations actively cooperating are:

- a. The National Council of Women, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, W. C. T. U., International Order of King's Daughters and

Sons, League of Business and Professional Women, Zonta Clubs, Jewish Women's Council, Lend-a-Hand Society, American Association of University Women and many clubs.

b. Many patriotic organizations, including the D. A. R., Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Service Star Legion, and National American War Mothers.

c. Fraternal organizations, including Order of the Eastern Star, Pythian Sisters, Ladies of the Maccabees and Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker is chairman of a large and influential National Women's committee.

#### VIII LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

American Federation of Labor and all its affiliated bodies including Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, International Typographical Union and others are cooperative with Near East Relief.

Our American groups of organized labor have given a friendly interest to Near East Relief and more especially to Golden Rule Sunday for several years. Their leaders are deeply interested in securing the support of the "locals" over the country.

A national labor committee advises as to the general approach to labor unions and railroad brotherhoods and gives its endorsement and support to any appeal that may be made. Mr. Frank Morrison, a member of the Board of Trustees of Near East Relief, is the Chairman of this National Labor Advisory Committee.

#### IX AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Among the cooperating agricultural organizations are the National Grange, Farm Bureau Federation, Dairymen's League, Association of Operative Millers, and others.

There are other farm organizations of a less extended nature which will be cultivated to a modest degree by a letter under the name of the National Agricultural Committee.

There is a strong National Agricultural Advisory Committee of which Senator Capper is Chairman and on which the representatives of the various farm organizations are members.

#### XI ARMENIAN AND GREEK COOPERATION

Recently there has been a consolidation of the various American agencies of relief in Greece. With this merging of the Friends of

Greece and the Fatherless Children of Greece into Near East Relief there was created a new Greek Committee in the United States with Professor Edward Capps of Princeton as its chairman. This committee will be of great assistance in securing cooperation locally among the Greeks. Similar cooperation should be secured from Armenians in communities where there are Armenian residents.

#### RADIO STATIONS

The radio stations and organizations welcome the International Golden Rule Sunday message on the air as one of the comparatively few messages that they can broadcast without offending the religious or partisan feelings of any of their listeners-in.

#### MOTION PICTURES

Motion picture houses not only cooperate but welcome on their screens announcements and pictures associated with Golden Rule observance.

#### 5,000 VOLUNTEER COMMITTEEMEN

There is a network of volunteer committees covering the entire nation, including, besides the National Golden Rule Committee:

- a. Cooperating committees representing most of the educational, fraternal, and women's organizations of the country as well as many of the leading commercial and industrial interests.
- b. An organization in every state, of which the governor of the state is, in many states, the honorary chairman and, in some instances, the active leader.
- c. A local organization in most communities throughout the United States.

At a conservative estimate, 5,000 volunteer workers are now enlisted in connection with these various volunteer committees.

## XXVI

### PUBLICITY FOR LOCAL GOLDEN RULE CAMPAIGNS

No part of the preparation for Golden Rule observance in a community is more important than the plans for local publicity. These plans should be laid out at the earliest possible date, so that a complete knowledge of the committee's arrangements is given to the public in time to insure cooperation and support from all classes of the community.

A small publicity committee, consisting preferably of direct representatives of the local press, is helpful in this connection. Local editors, if they can be interested at the very start of the campaign, can well-nigh insure the success of the effort.

Newspaper publicity should begin as soon as the local committee begins to organize. The first announcement is usually a statement of the organization of the committee or a brief notice of the appointment of the local chairman. An increasing number of papers now gives support at certain periods of the year to approved charities and in some communities an editor or publisher will be willing to sponsor Golden Rule Sunday as his special form of benevolence. In any event, advance arrangements should be made, if possible, with papers to print the advance contributions that may be received in the mail campaign before Golden Rule Sunday in order to stimulate a higher average per capita of gifts.

#### SUGGESTED PUBLICITY PROGRAM

In a small community, with only weekly or semi-weekly newspapers, a satisfactory program of publicity running for two months before the campaign, would comprise the following weekly items:

1. Appointment of chairman.

Call on local editors with material for this article. Explain the situation fully and ask their cooperation. If possible, get them to serve as a publicity committee. They are almost certain to do everything they can to help and their suggestions for interesting local news items are bound to be useful.

2. Chairman announces appointment of local committee and sub-committees.

3. Chairman announces receipt of the President's letter endorsing Golden Rule Sunday campaign.

4. Chairman gives out statement of local, state and national arrangements for campaign. How the money will be collected and used.
5. At about this time local newspapers should be asked to print an editorial endorsing the local movement and appealing to all classes of citizens to support the committee's efforts. Some good editorial material will be found in this book. Additional material in the form of "Editorial Suggestions" will be sent on request by the State Committee or the National Golden Rule Committee, at 151 Fifth Avenue, New York.
6. An item regarding the activities of local chapters of Young People's Societies, such as the Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, etc., all of whom should be enrolled in the campaign which is fully endorsed by their national bodies. If these societies are planning to obtain a 100 per cent observance in their homes this fact will be of interest to the newspapers.
7. The plans of local pastors and churches to cooperate in the campaign will be of interest at this time. All the national church organizations have warmly endorsed the Golden Rule idea and many of the preachers will be glad, if requested, to preach special Golden Rule sermons on December 5.
8. A proclamation by the mayor or chief local official, calling on the community to observe Golden Rule Sunday is an excellent preparation for the final week. It will be printed by the local papers and should be accompanied by a round-up story giving a summary of the perfected plans and the chairman's prediction as to the success of the observance. Plans for the collection of contributions should also be announced, as well as plans for the distribution of final pamphlets. This final newspaper announcement may very well be accompanied by another supporting editorial.

#### SPECIAL MATERIAL FOR NEWSPAPERS

A variety of publicity material may be obtained from the National Golden Rule Committee at 151 Fifth Avenue, New York. For newspaper use, the committee can supply cuts, mats, or ready-to-print plate. Consult local editors as to which form of material they desire and notify national headquarters at the earliest possible date.

Some suggestions for written material which can be adapted for local newspaper use by the local chairman or publicity committee will be supplied upon request, from any of the addresses on pages 144-5.



## PRINTED LITERATURE AND POSTERS

The printed literature required for use in the campaign should be secured from the nearest state or regional office of Near East Relief. Requests for posters, slides or motion pictures should be addressed to the same office.

Any special requirements or suggestions regarding publicity may be addressed either to the state office or to the national office, and will receive prompt attention.

## LOCAL ADVERTISING

Advertising in local papers cannot be paid for out of funds contributed for relief purposes. However, merchants and other purchasers of advertising space are often willing to contribute a portion of their regular space or to insert a Golden Rule message in their advertisements.

In most communities the cooperation of the newspapers is the key to a successful Golden Rule campaign and no effort is too great to insure that they are supplied with adequate and interesting material regarding the progress of the committee's plans. Various channels for supplying this material should be used.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two or three times during the campaign, for example, a "Letter to the Editor" from the local chairman, treasurer or some other official will be welcomed by the newspapers.

## NEWS OF WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

On other occasions the part of women in the local campaign should be written up fully and interestingly for the paper's Woman's Page. Quotations from newspapers in neighboring cities will furnish material for another approach to the subject. Even the sporting columns should not be ignored, especially if some local sports can be turned into a "benefit" occasion for the purpose of the campaign.

## CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Club activities which assist the Golden Rule campaign should be fully "covered." Hearty cooperation is to be obtained on request from most of the women's societies, church organizations and business clubs, all of which have the encouragement and support of the emphatic resolutions passed by their national bodies in favor of the Golden Rule idea.

Cooperation in the schools and Sunday Schools is of interest to the newspapers and their readers. Local editors will often welcome a series of two or three Golden Rule cartoons done by nationally

famous cartoonists which are available in matrix or plate form from National Headquarters.

#### KEEP CLOSE TO THE EDITORS

In all this vitally important work with the press, the closest possible contact with local editors is enormously important. Their knowledge of the type of news which interests their readers is obviously a great assistance in the preparation of acceptable copy. If the editor can be persuaded to become an active member of the committee and to collaborate as far as his busy hours permit the path of the campaign chairman is made much smoother and easier than under any other circumstances.

#### WHAT ONE TOWN DID

The amount of space which can be expected from the newspapers in any community depends in final analysis on how far the campaign commands the interest of the community. In one small Western town last year where practically every local organization, church and club participated in the membership of the committee and in the conduct of the campaign and where Golden Rule Sunday was observed in nearly 100 per cent of all homes, the single weekly newspaper printed more than 25 columns of Golden Rule material during an eight weeks' period. The material included ten columns of ready-to-print plate and picture "mats" supplied by the national office, but the remaining fifteen columns consisted of 50 items of local news, such as speeches, statements, reports of club meetings, social events, teas and dinners.

The big-city and national interest which the Golden Rule campaign commands is indicated by the fact that New York City newspapers printed 52 columns regarding the campaign last year, while 200 newspapers throughout the country used five columns or more of national publicity material.

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Additional suggestions for newspaper articles in community Golden Rule campaign may be had upon request.

## XXVII

### GOLDEN RULE OVER THE RADIO

A nation-wide program is always planned for the Golden Rule campaign and Golden Rule messages are broadcasted from all the principal stations. In many places the entire Golden Rule dinner is covered; in others concerts are given under the auspices of the Golden Rule Committee, that fact and a brief talk about the orphans preceding and following the music; in still others well-known men and women interested in the orphanage work are interviewed before the microphone; in others again Bedtime Stories with a Near East slant entertain the youngsters at the usual hour.

The Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs have always been actively cooperative, permitting the orphans' story to be made a part of their radio programs on many occasions. The offer of a Golden Rule booklet to all who would send in their names and addresses to the local Near East Relief office has made many new friends for the cause.

It is possible for State Directors and many others in touch with broadcasting stations to secure their cooperation in the making of announcements and the putting on of prepared programs while every fan may aid by writing his approval of the Golden Rule programs.

An example of the wide reach of the radio message was the reception given to the contribution of the football star, "Red" Grange, to the Near East Relief cause on Golden Rule Sunday. He gave a talk on fair play, tying it up to the under-privileged Near East orphans and stating that he was speaking on invitation of Near East Relief. The announcer promised copies of the speech with an autographed picture of "Red" Grange to all applicants. On Monday morning 1,440 letters of request came in at Near East Relief Headquarters. This number increased to nearly 3,000. A considerable portion of them contained voluntary contributions and many of them were from men and women, including a large number of clergymen, who wanted the speech for use with boys or others in school.

Radio stations throughout the country gave remarkable cooperation. The following paragraph is from the Near East Relief Director in the State of Maine, concerning the Golden Rule Dinner that was broadcasted from Portland:

"A prominent lawyer called me on the phone yesterday to say that

one of his clients listened in to our Golden Rule Dinner when Dr. Doughty, Mrs. Gannaway and Zadi and two local Armenian children spoke. She was tremendously impressed and had called him to make a change in her will making the Near East Relief a beneficiary. He himself also listened in to the dinner program and was greatly interested."

## XXVIII

### GOLDEN RULE DINNERS

There are three widely different types of Golden Rule dinners— (1) The Golden Rule dinner in the home, (2) the Golden Rule dinner for organizational purposes previous and preparatory to Golden Rule Sunday and (3) the church, college or community Golden Rule dinner observed on Golden Rule Sunday.

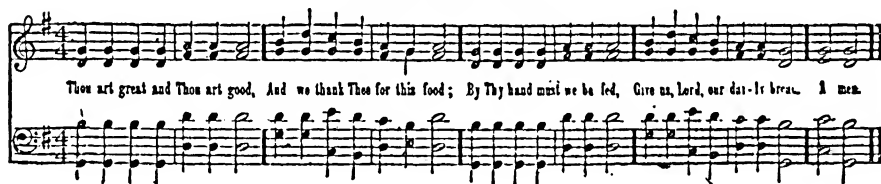
#### 1. THE GOLDEN RULE DINNER IN THE HOME

In many homes the family, preceding the dinner, will gather around the piano to sing the Golden Rule hymn found on page 70, which may be sung to the beautiful music here given, which was especially written for it.

On another page will be found appropriate forms of grace before meals for Golden Rule Sunday, prepared by Cardinal O'Connell and Dr. Henry van Dyke, with a benediction by Rabbi Wise.

Beneath is found the simple grace chanted before each meal by the orphans of the Near East. There is one dining room in which more than 4,000 orphan voices united in this chant three times each day.

#### Grace Before Meat



#### GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY MENUS

UTILIZING INGREDIENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED IN NEAR EAST  
RELIEF ORPHANAGES AND APPROXIMATING THE SAME  
FOOD VALUES

The Golden Rule dinner is not a starvation meal but is a simple, wholesome menu on which tens of thousands of orphans thrive and grow robust with a death rate lower than that of New York City. The exact menu however is of secondary importance, the main essential is that the meal be simple and inexpensive, stimulating thought

and practical consideration for the welfare of those who never have more elaborate fare.

Thick soup  
or  
lamb or beef stew  
or  
macaroni and cheese  
Stewed apricots with corn syrup or baked prunes  
Brown bread and cocoa.

Realizing that American mothers may not feel satisfied to give their children the exact and limited amount of food provided for the orphans in the Near East, we are suggesting a menu simple in arrangement, but suitable to the needs of American children.

This more varied and more generous list makes even more marked the difference between the dinner as served in the orphanages and in prosperous American and European homes. In the latter the food is ample, the service attractive, the surroundings comfortable, whereas in the orphanages the portions are limited, the rooms bare, the service without linen or silver, frequently on floors, without table or chairs, sometimes without suitable tableware.

To the average European or American the novelty of a Golden Rule dinner comes but once in the year and he has 1,094 other meals with a more abundant bill of fare. The orphan must content himself with a comparatively monotonous menu for 365 days in the year, never once knowing the taste of the cakes and sweets of everyday European and American life.

#### TYPICAL MEALS IN NEAR EAST RELIEF ORPHANAGES

##### *Total Calories for Each Day, 2,011.5*

BREAKFAST		DINNER		SUPPER	
Cocoa .....	279.0	Beans .....	298.0	Grits (Corn) .....	402.0
Milk (Condensed) ..	39.5	Onions .....	30.0	Apricots (Dried) ..	246.0
Bread .....	219.0	Oil .....	60.0	Bread .....	219.0
		Bread .....	219.0		

The ingredients for the meals vary with each day of the week, according to a predetermined schedule, but maintain a balanced ration averaging 2,000 calories. Meat stew is served once a week. The average cost of an orphan's meal is less than five cents.

#### WHAT VARIOUS SUMS WILL DO

During the dinner the needs of the orphans will come under discussion quite naturally. Following are suggestions to guide the path of the offering:

\$5 per month, or \$60 per year, provides support for one orphan.

\$100 a year provides a sponsorship, supports, educates and gives industrial training to an orphan.

\$2 per month—\$24 per year—will supplement the earnings of a refugee widow in industrial work, enabling her to support her children.

\$200 a year supports a cot in a hospital.

\$500 provides for the support and training of a ten- or eleven-year-old boy or girl in the industrial school at Syra until graduated at 16 into self-support.

\$1,000 provides for the support and training of a child (a "birdie" in the Birds' Nest orphanage, Sidon) from six years of age until the age of self-support is reached.

\$2,000 equips and maintains a visiting nurse in refugee camps.

\$2,500 will provide a revolving capital fund that will establish and maintain an industrial school for boys or girls from 12 to 16 years of age and graduate an average of twenty-five per year into self-support and industrial service.

\$5 buys a case of condensed milk or a barrel of flour.

#### SPONSORSHIPS

Wherever desired a specific number of children will be assigned to a city or a community to be sponsored and special photographs of typical children in the orphanages will be provided as a means of enlisting local interest in children whose lives and welfare depend upon the local response to the Golden Rule ideal. Wherever possible, sponsorships by individuals or by families should be sought. Most families in moderate circumstances will find it a source of satisfaction to enlarge and enrich their family circle by undertaking the support of one of these children. In other instances, however, the adoption can be secured by groups, lodges, societies, Sunday school classes, public schools and other organizations.

The publication in the local papers of the pictures of the children dependent upon the local response will be a helpful form of publicity and widen the horizon of the community as to conditions and needs in the Near East and other parts of the world.

## 2. THE GOLDEN RULE DINNER FOR ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSES PREVIOUS AND PREPARATORY TO GOLDEN RULE SUNDAY

A Golden Rule dinner well organized in early October, previous to Golden Rule Sunday, is frequently the best method of arousing local interest, securing publicity, enlisting volunteer workers and organizing for an adequate observance of Golden Rule Sunday in the homes on December 5. In past years these dinners have had an

important place in our national life. The largest banquet halls of the best hotels have repeatedly been filled with America's best citizens partaking of the orphanage menu at these preliminary Golden Rule dinners.

Among the speakers who have attended and addressed these gatherings are President Coolidge, Justice Sanford, Governor Lowden, S. Parkes Cadman, Felix Warburg, John H. Finley, Ambassador Jusserand, Harry Emerson Fosdick, James I. Vance, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, John Timothy Stone and Bishop James Cannon, Jr., governors, Senators and mayors in practically every state.

Among the hotels that have for the most part without charge given their largest banquet halls and service for these functions have been the leading hotels in America, including the New Willard, Washington; the Copley Plaza, Boston; the St. Francis, San Francisco; the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia; the Belvidere, Baltimore; the LaSalle, Chicago; the Tutwiler, Birmingham; the Roosevelt, New York City; the Statler, Detroit; the Statler, St. Louis.

In the larger cities it has been the rule rather than the exception that later applicants for tickets were unable to secure admission to these dinners and in some cities and communities it has been necessary to engage larger accommodations than any hotel could provide. Following the overflow dinner at the Roosevelt, in New York, last year, a second dinner was organized in one of the armories with an attendance of approximately 1,500, while in a comparatively small city of South Carolina a record attendance of 2,000 was secured.

Sometimes these organization dinners are successfully put on by service clubs as in the case of the Kiwanis Club in Louisville, Kentucky, where the Club took the entire responsibility for organizing the Golden Rule campaign for the city. Where Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Civitan or other service clubs will accept this as their community service no other better provision can be made for the campaign.

#### ADVANCE PREPARATIONS

##### INVITATIONS

1. Invitations to attend the Golden Rule Dinner should be sent to all prominent citizens of the town or city, members of National Golden Rule Committees, mayor, aldermen, Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs, pastors, educators, editors, writers, etc. The number of invitations sent out should total several times the expected attendance. Enclosed in the envelope should be an acceptance card and return envelope. By this acceptance card, careful check-up can be made and the dinner attendance estimated.



2. On receipt of the acceptance card, an admission card to the dinner should be sent and this admittance card later presented at the door.

3. The invitations should be dignified in form and sent out in square envelopes so as to avoid the appearance of a commercial letter. This invitation should be issued jointly by the hotel and the local Golden Rule Committee.

#### SUGGESTED INVITATION

The National Golden Rule Committee  
and

#### THE ROOSEVELT

cordially invite you to attend the  
Second Annual Golden Rule Dinner  
Grand Ballroom, The Roosevelt  
New York City  
Tuesday evening  
September twenty-ninth  
seven o'clock

A note may say that the dinner is complimentary and will be a simple Golden Rule meal with brief addresses, pictures and music.

#### MENU

For providing "atmosphere" there is nothing better than an orphan Golden Rule meal. It is colorful and full of suggestion, excellent in "selling" power for both workers and the general public.

An attractive menu card or folder which has been standardized for all dinners descriptive of Golden Rule Day observance and the orphan work of Near East Relief, has been contributed by one of the great business concerns of America. This menu pictorially as well as in text gives an intelligent conception of the work. A pledge form permits a three-fold appeal. There is a place for definite signing up for service in the campaign or a place for a financial appeal and lastly a place for pledging of sponsorship of an orphan boy or girl. These menus are available for every dinner throughout the United States.

Additional information concerning the menu will be found on page 107.

*Food.* Local merchants will donate it willingly. Recognition of their generosity should be made on the menu card.

*Waitresses.* Prominent society, club and church women, college and high school girls, wearing an arm or headband, "N. E. R." The

waitresses should be rehearsed, should have their dinner before the other dinner, should be able to sit where they can hear the speaking, and may, perhaps, serve as a chorus in the musical program.

*Tables.* Boards, bare or covered with oil cloth or paper. The plainest of equipment, tin plates, etc. Candlelight until the speaking begins. All tables numbered so that seats, registered on a list given to each guest, may easily be found.

*Radio.* The dinner program should be broadcasted, if possible. Arrangements for this well in advance will be necessary.

*Program.* It is generally agreed that the programs at these Golden Rule Dinners have been among the most interesting programs that America has produced in recent years. This is not because of the prominence or eloquence of the speakers, though, as noted elsewhere, the foremost speakers in America, including President Coolidge, have been secured. The power of the program has consisted rather in the merit of the message and the practical application of a great principle to every-day life. The whole atmosphere of the dinner is unique—the simple fare as contrasted with banquets generally given in hotel ballrooms, the plain tables, the tin plates, the society waitresses, the orphans' grace, the music and use of pictures.

- a. *Speakers.* Much of the success of the dinner will depend on the inspirational power of the speakers. Great orators are desirable but not essential as long as speakers can move their hearers. Every community has in its midst or easily available in neighboring cities prominent business men, lawyers, clergymen or others whose message would insure a successful program.
- b. *Presiding Officer.* The best toastmaster in town should be secured. He should make announcements concerning the table equipment, the local gifts of the hotel room and the food, the service of the waitresses, etc. After the dinner he may suggest that the menu be taken home for closer study. This often has a good effect on the production of sponsorships.

### 3. CHURCH, FRATERNAL AND COMMUNITY GOLDEN RULE DINNERS

In some churches and communities a Golden Rule Dinner immediately following the Sunday morning church service on Golden Rule Sunday has been found highly advantageous both from the standpoint of the social and spiritual life of the church and as a practical contribution to the needs of orphan children.

#### THE CHURCH GOLDEN RULE DINNER

A typical church Golden Rule Dinner in Central Christian Church, New York City, was conducted somewhat as follows:

The pastor, Dr. Idleman, preached at the morning church service, taking Matthew 25:40 as his text. The sermon was followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At the conclusion of the service in the church the members of the church, instead of going to their homes and their usual dinner, had dinner together in the social rooms of the church where there was a further program of pictures and addresses concerning orphanage and child welfare work with opportunity at the conclusion for contributions and pledges for the support of the work. The financial portion of the program, of course, was so handled that no one was embarrassed if he was able to make only a small offering though opportunity was given to those who were able to adopt or sponsor one or more of the orphan children.

MADISON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

NEW YORK

I am glad to express my personal gratitude for the spiritual results of Golden Rule Sunday. It was used by Madison Avenue Church last autumn, and the occasion proved a tonic to those who attended.

It was a graphic method of bringing the spirit of sacrifice home to our comfortable American congregations. I am looking forward to repeating the Golden Rule Dinner and expect an even larger manifestation of interest.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RALPH S. SOCKMAN,

*Pastor.*

#### THE COMMUNITY GOLDEN RULE DINNER

In the community Golden Rule dinner a similar program is followed save that members of all the churches as well as other citizens are invited to a community Golden Rule dinner held in some central hall at the conclusion of the morning church service. An especially unique dinner of this character was held last year in Mexico, Missouri, the dinner at the conclusion of the church service being given in the gymnasium of the Southern Baptist College and attended by members of all the churches of the city who partook of a Golden Rule menu from tables provided by the Knights of Columbus while seated on chairs loaned by the Ku Klux Klan. Wholly aside from the important financial returns, which in this instance resulted in the full support and education of at least one-half dozen orphans for one year, the social fellowship resulting from bringing leaders of all denominations into one communal dinner is a worth while achievement. . . .

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### GOLDEN RULE TEAS

Women everywhere have found the giving of Golden Rule Teas an admirable way of presenting the subject of the Near East orphans to their friends. The tea is the usual social function with the addition of appropriate decorations and a speaker who tells the story of the children's plight so that no guest goes away unacquainted with their need or ignorant of how she may be of service. Sometimes Armenian music is sung, or some child, perhaps from the local Armenian or Syrian colony, recites some appealing verses. Often the guests at one tea become the hostesses at another, in this way enlarging the circle of interest. At some teas every person in town who owns anything that has come from the Near East has brought it to help make an exhibit of costumes and pottery and handwork and photographs.

State Golden Rule Committees will frequently be able to provide pictures and suggestions for the Golden Rule Tea.

Women's organizations as such launched the teas in some states. Below is a letter sent to possible hostesses by the President of the Maryland State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dear Friend of Little Children:—

Pouring a cup of tea has taken on a new significance since Golden Rule Teas have been inaugurated.

A circle of friends gathered in your home may settle the destinies of orphan boys and girls in the Near East.

They may decide whether they shall be beggars or college presidents, girls of the street or teachers, human animals or leaders of tomorrow.

Governments in the Near East are like a heated metal on an anvil. Seated about a tea table in America you can follow out the suggestions in the Golden Rule tea folder and shape the destinies of nations.

Will you grasp this God-given opportunity by promptly signing the enclosed card so we may be of practical help and enable you by setting an early date for your tea to start a chain of teas from those who attend yours.

Might I suggest that you invite a thoroughly representative group and someone from the office of the Near East Relief will come to give added inspiration and suggestions.

This is God's work. Let us do our part mindful of our high calling.

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### MATERIAL FOR SPEAKERS

While distinguished orators and trained speakers find rich material in the needs of the Near East orphans and the work of the Near East Relief, the appeal of these suffering, winning children is so stirring that inexperienced speakers, too, are eager to tell their story and to ask for continued aid for them. The subject has many angles, as this book suggests. Their past afflictions, the constructive work that is making them useful citizens, the Golden Rule observance that is interesting the whole civilized world in their plight—these themes and many others may be found within these pages. All who have opportunity to present this message in public meetings are urged to make fullest possible use of the material in this book. Special attention is called to the following sections where speakers will find inspiring information and subject matter for their addresses.

#### SUGGESTED TOPICS

- The Scope of the Golden Rule (pages 18, 19).
- International Golden Rule Sunday in America and Overseas (pages 11, 20-22, 27-31, 54-64).
- The Golden Rule and World Peace (pages 32-36).
- The Balance Between Spending and Giving (pages 25, 26).
- Who Are These Children and What Is America's Obligation to Them? (pages 37-42).
- How Has Near East Relief Helped in the Reconstruction of the Near East? (pages 42-45).
- Underwriting by Sponsorship (pages 68, 109).
- What Wise Men Think of Golden Rule Day (pages 134-136).
- Organizations and the Golden Rule (pages 137-143).
- Community Publicity for Golden Rule Day (pages 101-106).
- Why Tacoma Won the Prize (page 90).
- "Not a Stone Unturned" (pages 92-94).
- Golden Rule Day in the Home (pages 65, 107-109).
- How Editors Reflect Community Thought of Golden Rule (pages 128-133).
- What Poets Say about the Golden Rule (pages 71-83).

How Illustrators Are Touched By Golden Rule Day (See illustrations).

Children's Response to Golden Rule Day (pages 54-56, 58, 60, 61-64).

If further material is desired send for a pamphlet entitled "Building a New Near East," published by Near East Relief, 151 Fifth Avenue. New York City.

## XXXI

### GOVERNORS' AND MAYORS' PROCLAMATIONS

Many governors and mayors the country over have issued annual proclamations commending Golden Rule Day to the hearts of their citizens. Below are typical documents.

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Sunday, December 7, 1924, has been designated as the date for an international relief effort, to be known as *Golden Rule Sunday*, by the representatives of twenty nations, including the United States, who recently met in Geneva, Switzerland, in an international conference to determine the best manner in which the people of the different countries represented could assist in alleviating the distress and suffering of the tens of thousands of practically denationalized orphans of the Near East—victims of the late World War, and who are, in a peculiar sense, international wards—and,

Whereas, out of their deliberations on the above subject matter, and relief plans in connection therewith, there evolved an additional and *even more* important objective, the development of Golden Rule principles in both the personal and national life of the cooperating countries, as a contribution toward international good-will, cooperation and permanent world peace, and,

Whereas, President Coolidge, Chief Executive of the United States, has commended this great humanitarian effort, in the following language:

"I believe that the international observance of this day may not only save lives of thousands of destitute, but may possibly have an even greater benefit in the way of reflex influence upon those who thus observe the Golden Rule and help to establish it as a reality in daily living. . . . The International observance of this day might well contribute materially to the betterment of international relations and abiding world peace."

Therefore, believing that the people of Missouri are in sympathy with these high ideals, I most sincerely request that Sunday, December 7, 1924, be observed throughout the state as

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and in addition that the week period preceding or succeeding this



date be utilized, if it be found more convenient, as our opportunity for personal stock-taking; that we may thus determine whether or not we are adhering to the universally accepted and age-old standard of life, "*Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them,*" upon which great principles our Nation and State were originally builded and transmitted to us by our forefathers, and,

Further, to the end that the whole purpose of this Golden Rule Day arrangement may be carried to every citizen of the State, that all may be advised of the date agreed upon, and opportunity provided for every citizen to engage in its observance, I respectfully designate, and at the same time charge the State officers of the Near East Relief organization, together with the community chairmen, whom I will later name, with the responsibility of perfecting a plan and an organization in each county of the State, that will enable each individual citizen and religious, educational, social, civic or fraternal group, who desire to participate, an opportunity to do so.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri. DONE at Jefferson City, this 28th day of October, A.D. 1924.

(SEAL)

ARTHUR M. HYDE,

Attest:

Governor.

CHAS. U. BECKER, *Secretary of State.*

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite mercy has brought us through another year of peace and plenty, has stretched forth His hand to every section of our great state and has, everywhere, left the marks of His loving kindness, and,

Whereas, the results of the divine beneficence are manifest on every hand in better homes, better schools, increased prosperity and happier lives;

Now, therefore, I, Gifford Pinchot, Governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do unite with the President of the United States in appointing and proclaiming Thursday, the 26th day of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, when our people may assemble in their homes and in their respective places of worship, and, grateful for the blessings which have been bestowed upon them in the past year, turn with fervent prayer toward Almighty God with due thanks for His providence and mercy and humble supplication for their continuance in the year before us.

I do especially recommend that in our gratitude for the blessings which have come to us at home, we shall not forget the sufferings of less fortunate peoples and especially of those who lack the bare necessities of life, and that we resolve to lend our help to worthy movements designed for their relief. And I gladly call attention in this appropriate place to Golden Rule Sunday which will be observed on December 6 throughout the world under the leadership of Americans.

(Signed) GIFFORD PINCHOT,  
*Governor.*

## STATEMENT

"The purpose of Golden Rule Day is two-fold," says a statement from the executive department at Columbus. "To encourage international good-will and peace among the peoples of the world, who figuratively speaking, will gather about a common table and partake of the same menu, and to cause the observers to take stock of their God-given bounty and share their loaf with the less fortunate."

In a letter to nearly a thousand community chairmen chosen for the Golden Rule Sunday campaign, Governor Donahey says that "because of my sincere belief in the purpose of Golden Rule Sunday it is my hope that you will give favorable consideration to this service. My earnest desire is that the people of Ohio will observe this splendid program and visualize this great ideal and I anticipate your whole-hearted cooperation and indulgence in this plan for a better appreciation of the brotherhood of man and the benefit of those in adversity."

(Signed) "A. VIC DONAHEY,  
*"Governor, Ohio."*

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To the People of Iowa:

"I think that saving a little child  
And bringing him to his own,  
Is a derved sight better business  
Thon loafing around the throne."

Thus John Hay in a ballad written from the soul has epitomized our true philosophy toward all the little ones of the earth. The children of the United States, tenderly cherished in homes, soundly educated in schools, morally instructed in churches, are in the enjoyment of every benefit and blessing conferred by a highly organized society. With their present comfort provided and their future welfare assured, they constitute the happiness and the hope of our beloved democracy. In the ripened fullness of this autumnal season,

when every granary is bursting with the plenty bestowed by a bounteous Father, do we not in simple gratitude owe some substantial consideration to the sorely distressed of other lands? The tragedy of the great war rendered without home or school or church or family or food or clothing a countless multitude of innocent and helpless boys and girls who have been rescued from starvation only by the generous outpouring of American philanthropy. It would be a harrowing task to recite the pitiable conditions of privation and poverty and want which exist in such awful reality in the terribly devastated territories of Europe and Asia. They cannot be even referred to in general terms without lacerating with agony every benevolent heart which responds to the Christ compassion.

Many centuries ago there was uttered the sublimest sentiment that ever issued from human lips:

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them."

What a paradise this world would be if all men literally obeyed that Divine injunction! What a heaven would be introduced on earth if every human being did unto every other precisely what he would have that other do unto him! We have not yet attained to that millennial perfection, but only insofar as we have exemplified that inspired precept of the great Galilean have we advanced from barbarism to civilization. It is now proposed that one day be appointed upon which the exalted maxim pronounced by the Master may be universally observed, and it is a solemn privilege to employ whatever of influence may attach to the Executive Office in the promotion of that transcendent object.

Therefore, in virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of Iowa, I do hereby designate December 7, 1924, as Golden Rule Sunday on which sacred day the duty may be presented to us all to recognize our obligation of fraternal fellowship toward the prostrate peoples of the earth, and to redeem that obligation in a high spirit of Christian helpfulness.

I especially appeal to every citizen of the commonwealth to vitalize the Golden Rule as a principle of international intercourse by reducing his Sunday dinner to the frugal menu provided the beggared outcasts in the Near East orphanages and by donating the amount thus economized and more besides to the relief of the perishing children of the Orient. I earnestly enjoin upon every man, woman and child in the state that on the date indicated they contribute most liberally of their abundance to the charitable requirements of those abandoned little ones who are now in the abjectest adversity. If the

gift shall involve some individual sacrifice, we may not doubt that it will be all the more pleasing to Him who said:

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

I particularly invoke the united cooperation of the Pulpit as the great instrumentality of righteousness, and of the Press as the vast agency of enlightenment, in the arousal of the public interest in this unselfish and humanitarian enterprise.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Iowa.

Done at Des Moines, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1924.

(Signed) N. E. KENDALL,  
*Governor.*

#### AN APPEAL

The people of Indiana are invited on Sunday, December 6, to join a great international project—the observance of Golden Rule Sunday. In celebrating the day we are asked to give thought to that seemingly endless line of orphan tots—America's wards in the Near East. The suggestion that every prosperous family at noon on Golden Rule Sunday partake of a dinner as plain and scant as the orphans must eat whom the Near East Relief is supporting, will add to the day an element of dramatic impressiveness, for it will really be a "breaking of bread" with the needy all around the world.

Golden Rule Sunday will this year, we are told, be recognized by more than fifty nations of the world. Millions of people will give sober consideration to the golden words of the Master, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so to them."

But back of the great appealing child-chorus from Bible lands is the larger thought suggested by the President of the United States—"The consistent observance of Golden Rule Sunday can not but help to bring about the application of the Golden Rule itself to the misunderstandings of nations and individuals."

In keeping Golden Rule Sunday let us remember our sacrifice is incomplete unless there is a gift attached for these little orphan folk whose daily prayer is "God bless America."

(Signed) ED JACKSON,  
*Governor, Indiana.*

Sirs:

I unqualifiedly endorse the work of your organization. Relief of the sufferers in Armenia is a cause in which the humane and charitable people of America are profoundly concerned. Heretofore they

have freely responded to all calls from the East and they will not disappoint in the present emergency.

The plan of Sunday's sacrifice—small in contribution from each family—is a simple method of securing the needed funds to save the winter's distress which is inevitable without this relief. The people of Tennessee are generous to a fault and they will not fail in liberal assistance to this high and imperative charity. I commend the matter to their goodness of heart with perfect assurance that they will liberally respond.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

AUSTIN PEAY,  
*Governor, Tennessee.*

#### STATEMENT

"I believe that the Near East Relief is a charity which will appeal to all who are able to give to worthy objects outside the bounds of war and country. How long the work can be kept up must depend upon the people of the United States and certainly we would not wish at this time to let drop altogether what has been so well begun."

(Signed) "CHARLES AUGUSTINE TEMPLETON,  
*"Governor, Connecticut."*

#### PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Sunday, December 7, 1924, has been designated as a date for the celebration of an international relief effort by twenty nations, among which the United States holds prominent position, and

Whereas, by formal proclamation, the head of this government has seen fit to call upon the people throughout the whole land to participate personally in observance of this international ceremonial, and,

Whereas, the people of Virginia will this year enter with peculiar interest and singular zest into an observance of the date in question by reason that, of all the forty-eight states in the Union, Virginia alone has accepted, under auspices of Near East Relief, the charge of three thousand homeless orphans in what is known as the Virginia Training School at Syra, which institution is located on a Greek island in the Aegean Sea, and flies from its parapet the state flag of the Old Dominion, and,

Whereas, an international observance of Golden Rule Sunday will, in a very intimate and practical manner, impress upon our people the destitution of those thousands of unsheltered little ones in the Near East, and the necessity and beauty of individual, national and international observance of the Golden Rule;

Now, therefore, I, E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia, do very earnestly call upon the people of Virginia to observe both in the sanctity of their homes and in their places of divine worship, this day as one of fasting and of meditation, on which the food eaten will represent such as that supplied those little wards known to the world as Near East orphans. And I do urge upon the people, in further observance of this date, that they conform in spirit as well as in outward show and observance, to the tenets of the Golden Rule.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 30th day of November, 1924.

(Signed) E. LEE TRINKLE,  
*Governor.*

#### PROCLAMATION

Columbia, South Carolina

Whereas, this day has been set apart as Golden Rule Sunday throughout the world for the purpose of saving the peoples of the Near East, now suffering from recent deportations, and

Whereas, America has assumed the responsibility for thousands of orphans over there, who are now being trained for future leadership in the East,

I, Thomas G. McLeod, call upon the people of South Carolina to observe this day of self-denial that the Golden Rule, the common denominator of all religions, may be fulfilled, i.e.,

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them.

(Signed) THOMAS G. McLEOD,  
*Governor, South Carolina.*

#### PROCLAMATION

State of Minnesota, Executive Department, St. Paul.

Sunday, December 7, 1924, has been designated as Golden Rule Sunday by representatives of twenty nations who met recently at Geneva to determine the best manner of alleviating the distress of tens of thousands of sufferers in the Near East who are victims of the late World War.

President Coolidge has officially endorsed this movement and urged the people of the United States to participate, saying:

"I believe that the international observance of this day may not only save lives of thousands of destitutes, but may possibly have an even greater benefit in the way of reflex influence upon those who thus observe the Golden Rule and help to establish it as a reality in

daily living. The international observance of this day might well contribute materially to the betterment of international relations and abiding world peace."

The orphans and other sufferers in the Near East are, in a sense, international wards, but our own country is enjoying greater material prosperity than any other nation, and should be able to do more than its pro rata share. I sincerely hope that Golden Rule Sunday will be generally observed throughout Minnesota and that the people of this state, who are always generous, will be especially liberal in this most worthy cause.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto this 1st day of November, 1924.

(Singed) J. A. O. PREUS,  
*Governor.*

#### PROCLAMATION

When our Government refused the mandate for Armenia, many felt that America's responsibility for the lives and well-being of these unfortunate people was not discharged. This conviction found expression in the founding of NEAR EAST RELIEF, an organization incorporated by Act of Congress, which has saved from destruction not less than a million Christian people in these historic lands.

Perhaps the chief value of the work of this American charity is seen in the rescue, care, and education of tens of thousands of orphan children.

In the precipitation of the Smyrna disaster and the flight and suffering of 1,500,000 refugees which followed, the Near East Relief found itself on the ground, with food, blankets, and workers, prepared to salvage this flood of human wreckage.

The world knows how well this merciful task was accomplished. But in its fulfillment all reserves of food and clothing sent from America to maintain the children in the orphanages, were entirely exhausted. Not only this, but the emergency reserve fund was entirely expended as well.

We approved of this unselfish policy and rejoiced in the great work it accomplished. We ought, therefore, to be quite as ready to share the anxiety with which the Near East Relief faces another winter with an empty treasury, 50,000 children under its care, and another 50,000 pleading at the gates of the orphanages for admission.

An emergency has arisen, and the people of Nashville will, I am sure, wish to do their share toward meeting it.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Nashville, I join with the

President of the United States and the Governor of Tennessee in bringing these facts to the attention of our citizens, and in designating December 8, 1923, as *Golden Rule Sunday*.

On that day, in the spirit of self-sacrifice, we are invited to join the families of this country and fourteen other countries, in sitting down to a simple dinner not unlike that served to those orphans every day and then making a generous donation.

Thus shall we practice the Golden Rule, fill many empty plates and do our part toward keeping these wards of America alive and happy another year.

(Signed) HILARY E. HOWSE,  
*Mayor of Nashville.*

IN AS MUCH AS the Near East Relief, incorporated by Congress, has saved thousands of children in Armenia, Palestine and Greece, orphaned by the great World War and massacres; and at the present time this organization is still caring for 60,000 of these children; and the past year has witnessed most extraordinary relief as follows:

- (a) 14,000 children having reached the age of 16, and having been trained for self-support, have been placed at trades and occupations;
- (b) Refugees have been conducted safely from Turkey to zones of safety and all adult refugee work has been discontinued;

And as President Calvin Coolidge and Governor Charles R. Mabey have issued indorsements designating Sunday, December 7, 1924, as *Golden Rule Sunday*,

I, also, hereby designate Sunday, December 7, 1924, as *Golden Rule Sunday* and urge the citizens of Roosevelt and community to share, on that date, of the plenty which God has blessed them, with these orphans.

(Signed) CLARENCE L. ASHTON,  
*Mayor of Roosevelt, Utah.*

Whereas, President Coolidge and members of his Cabinet, Senators and Congressmen, many governors and prominent citizens have heartily indorsed the observance of *International Golden Rule Sunday*; and

Whereas, religious organizations of all faiths, with no distinctions of creed, united in indorsing so practical an application of the principle of the *Golden Rule* common to all of them; and

Whereas, more than 35,000 children of the Near East, without father, without mother and without any country of their own, are



utterly dependent upon outside philanthropy for food, shelter, clothing and the means of life; and

Whereas, it is especially fitting that on the Sunday following our annual day of Thanksgiving, feasting and rejoicing over bounties vouchsafed to our prosperous nation, we should turn our thoughts to the needs of the less highly favored; and

Whereas, we are asked to provide for our Golden Rule Sunday dinner approximately the simple fare that is served to the children in Near East Relief orphanages, and then to make as generous a thank-offering as possible to Near East Relief in order that these children may live and grow into useful, self-supporting men and women; it is therefore

Proclaimed that citizens of Canton are hereby requested to observe December 6, 1925, as International Golden Rule Sunday, and all citizens are earnestly urged to respond to the call, realizing the spiritual value of the observance in national and personal life.

WM. F. TANK,

*Mayor, Canton, South Dakota.*

## XXXII

### EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Close after Thanksgiving, with its feasting and merry-making, comes Golden Rule Sunday. No one is asked to fast completely on Golden Rule Sunday. No more is proposed than that every family eat one meal such as is set before the refugee children—soup, corn grits and a dish of beans. That will be the fare of President Coolidge, Secretary Hughes, Secretary Hoover, Secretary Davis and of a great many other prominent men who have commended Golden Rule Sunday. "It suggests," says Mr. Coolidge, "not only a practical method for help, but the highest expression of sympathy, by sharing for a time the privations of others."

There is really no privation in such a dinner, since dietitians like Professor Irving Fisher urge it upon everybody as an aid to health at least once a week. Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador to Turkey, tells a story in point. A number of people were gathered around a man who had been badly injured in the street, and one of them said to the others, "I'm 'sorry' ten dollars worth; how much are you 'sorry'?" Everybody ought to be sorry enough for the waifs of the Near East, innocent victims of the war, to save on Sunday that they may live. If any of us are not Spartan enough to join Mr. Coolidge in a dinner of soup, corn or wheat and beans, why not send a check or cash to Near East Relief on Monday?

On Golden Rule Sunday, which is to be observed all over America, let us give of our abundance to save these "international wards." They are the hope of persecuted races. If we fail them, many will perish. It was with forward-looking gaze that Henry Morgenthau said: "We must do something to restore the spirit of sacrifice in America." Who can be heedless of the appeal of Golden Rule Sunday?  
*New York Times.*

Of special days there is no end, but of sensible ideas about special days there is hardly a beginning.

There should be a special welcome, therefore, for the really intelligent, interesting, imaginative idea about a special day which is proposed for the Near East Relief.

You will have a Thanksgiving dinner, of course. You will eat as usual on the Friday and Saturday following, and your breakfast of the first Sunday in December will be the ordinary abundant toothsome breakfast of the American tradition.

But dinner! That's where the idea comes to the front.

The Near East Relief has 50,000 orphans to keep alive. It feeds them just what it must; not what it would like to. It knows to the last ounce how much will keep the children fairly nourished, and that's what they get and no more. Every day, mind you, with very little variety in the bill of fare.

Very well; at Golden Rule Sunday dinner we are all invited to sit down at meat with these 50,000 orphans; to eat a like ration, and no more. They do it all the time. We can do it once, to the great benefit of our imaginations, and with no permanently bad results to our constitutions.

And then—this is the part of the idea which makes the occasion truly what it is called, a Golden Rule dinner—an offering indicating thankfulness for our happier lot is to be contributed toward other dinners for the orphans!

Is it not an intelligent idea? And interesting? And imaginative? Let's make it productive.

Remember that, for no fault of theirs, the parents of these 50,000 orphans have perished. The children have no country, no responsible kindred and no abiding home. They have nothing but their helplessness and their need—and the Near East Relief.

The gifts of Americans, mainly of American Christians, have kept these boys and girls alive thus far. One simple act more than any other will serve to deepen America's sense of what has been done and what is to do. "We share our mutual"—rations!

Let us for once sit down at the same table with these 50,000 of God's little ones, dipping with them in the same dish, sharing with them a communion in the Sunday meal which will make their plight and their deliverance and their relationship more vivid to us all!

*Epworth Herald.*

#### AMERICA WRITING WORLD HISTORY

Some future historian, writing the records of Europe and the Near East in these days when armies fought and won and lost, in this age when governments rose and fell, in this time when nations struggled madly with each other for economic mastery, will set down that the greatest influence of all in the final development of the problem was the quiet work of the American relief organizations.

It is America which has introduced a new motive into international

politics, the new-old motive of the Good Samaritan. After nineteen hundred years there has come out of the West from the youngest of the nations a voice that speaks and a force that acts from other motives than political selfishness.

On Golden Rule Sunday our thoughts will be directed to these problems. It will be a day for meditation and thought on world affairs, not merely for compassion and pity but with a motive of desire to rebuild a tottering world. Our foreign relief organizations are great agencies of international good will, interpreting to the whole world the better side of America. There are many Americans—there is a political America which has not yet taken its full part in preventing war; there is an economic America with eyes riveted on commercial advantages. But there is another America, idealistic and humanitarian, which has already risen to great power in the world, which is finding its most magnificent expression today in the American relief work in the Near East.

Not merely for the sake of the suffering people of Europe do we need the observance of Golden Rule Sunday, but also for our own sake. In an age which is given to luxury in our own country as no other age has been, we need this day, in order that we may realize how the other half of the world has to live. We need it for the purpose of enlarging our sympathies. In a day when so many of our people have provincial attitudes, so provincial that many of them can glory in the slogan "America First" in its narrowest sense, we need this day in order to enlarge our vision and make us think of all nations and all men as members of one common family. If we in America should stand aside, selfish and indifferent and callous, and reject the appeal of all the suffering abroad, it is not impossible that we should suffer a spiritual disaster worse than any physical disaster which the refugees of the Near East have had to face.

Grafton, N. D., *Record*.

#### THE HELL OF WAR

There is more or less a feeling among the people that the so-called "Near East Relief" is a work of supererogation on the part of the people of the United States, and that America has done enough for the nations who persist in playing at the game of war as a pastime. But the fact remains, that the late World War with its "hell" of suffering for those who were in no wise responsible for it, has left hundreds of thousands of children and women and helpless men in a misery that nothing but death can release them from unless the people of more happy nations do even more than duty in helping to save them.

No less a person than the famed Ida M. Tarbell, in writing on this subject, says this:

Nothing in the tragic and terrible decade that we have just passed through is so pitiful and unjust as what it has done to the children of so many different countries. That these helpless millions should know nothing of life but hunger and cold and misery, that there should be nothing to show them that there are such things in the world as justice and gentleness and love—it turns one's heart cold to think of it!

Near East Relief comes in to snatch as many as it can from this terrible kind of start in life, to try to show them that there is another kind of world from this which they know and that it is a joy to show them this world and train them to its thought and feelings. Every child that it can rescue from the miserable plight into which the war has forced him will be just so much gain for the forces of order and peace and good-will in the world.

It is a work which gets down to bed-rock, lessening the amount of threat to the future which must lie in rearing these great masses of children to know nothing but bitterness and misery, starting counter-acting forces of goodness and sympathy.

Logansport, Indiana, *Tribune*.

#### GOLDEN RULE AND THE ORPHANS

Golden Rule Sunday, which is the coming Sunday, conveniently and significantly falls between Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Thanksgiving we think chiefly about our own blessings and our own comfort—which is well, if we think thankfully. At Christmas we think more about other people and about the children, but these are our own people and children and our own people's children, after all. Golden Rule Sunday gives us a chance to think about 35,000 children far away—they call it the Near East, but it is not very near to Boston Common—who are under the care of the Near East Relief, and who are not only being fed and clothed and looked after by that organization but are being taught trades and occupations by which they can maintain themselves.

It is a good work, the Near East Relief, and worthy of being supported. It cannot be supported unless people remember that it takes money to take care of all these children and this work. Golden Rule Sunday is for the remembering of this. Thirty-five thousand children eat 27,825,000 meals in a year—if they are lucky. We may help them to be lucky enough for that without making a hole that the sharpest-eyed people can perceive in our own bountiful supply.

Boston, Massachusetts, *Transcript*.

Golden Rule Sunday comes this year (1925) on December 6; Golden Rule week ends on Golden Rule Sunday. It is the annual roll-call for the Near East Relief—America's greatest overseas charity. But for those whose hearts are right every day is Golden Rule day and every week is Golden Rule week.

Little children are as hungry on Tuesday as on Sunday and in September or June as in December. The calendar has no red-letter days when little children—or grown-ups, either—can call a truce on hunger. The world knows the story of how these children of the Near East came to be orphans. The world knows how their fathers and mothers lost their lives in the massacres and by famine or sickness.

Also, the world knows that other story—that better story—of how the Near East Relief, backed by the American people, stepped in at the hour of darkest despair and saved the children—gathered them in from street and deserted hovel and blazing desert or found them freezing and starving, clad in rags when the terrible winter set in, out there in Asia Minor.

The world will not be content with merely saving them and then leaving them helpless and unprotected. Americans still have this sacred duty before them—to continue to feed and shelter and clothe and train for citizenship the helpless little ones who can look nowhere else for these things.

Observance of Golden Rule day may be as elaborate or as perfunctory as you like. The important thing is the giving of a contribution, or the signing of a check which may arrive in time to drive from some little face the shadows of misery and despair.

Burlington, N. J., *Enterprise*.

Two Clyde tourists will not soon forget the long rows of mattresses, which served as beds on the floor of the Zappeion Palace at Athens, nor cease to remember the alacrity with which scores of orphan boys, twelve years or under, jumped to their feet and fairly yelled "The Star Spangled Banner" for the tourists' benefit because they represented America, their benefactor.

Nor yet forget at Nazareth, in front of the Carpenter Shop where Jesus worked at his trade, the same anthem and other songs sung without accompaniment and with fine effect in honor of a group of American tourists whom they finally showered with bouquets of flowers, once more because America remembered their boyish needs. The National Anthem in a strange land and sung with such evident

feeling made these tourists choke a little and feel a little ashamed as well, that they had given so little of their great abundance. Visualize these scenes and remember that the Near East Relief represents efficient and unselfish America at her very best and follow the gleam by giving of your abundance on Golden Rule Sunday next.

Clyde, New York, *Times*.

## XXXIII

### ENDORSEMENTS

"The Golden Rule is a great ideal in private life, but we need to see it extended also to international affairs. It is not Utopian, it is very practical politics, for once the majority have this principle well fixed in their minds and have their hearts set on carrying it out, we shall hear no more of wars and rumors of wars in any part of the world."

SIR ESMÉ HOWARD,  
*British Ambassador to the United States.*

Our family observed Golden Rule Sunday, and ate the prescribed luncheon. Since our boys in the Lincoln School are working to get as large a fund as possible for the Near East in the school we are making the payment by them through the school.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

In the proper observance of the International Golden Rule Sunday the women of America have a real opportunity not only to save, protect and develop the lives of tens of thousands of little children who are dependent upon us, but also to express the spirit of international cooperation and altruism that is a dominant characteristic of the womanhood of America.

MRS. PERCY V. PENNYBACKER,  
*Chairman, National Woman's Committee of Near East Relief.*

Let us celebrate Golden Rule Sunday, not merely with lip service but with a determination to make the Golden Rule a real principle in international affairs.

HENRY J. ALLEN,  
*Former Governor of Kansas.*

"America is ready today, as always, to do its full share. It wants the peace of good-will and of the Golden Rule; not the peace of force imposed by those who have power. It does not want peace as an interlude of brightness here and there in a world still addicted to



war. It wants peace as the normal, the right, the assured estate in a world from which a wiser generation shall have forever outlawed aggressive war."

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE,  
*In an address delivered at Near East Relief's Golden  
Rule dinner in Washington, on October 24, 1924.*

I welcome the Golden Rule Day campaign as an agency of education to make our people see their world-wide responsibilities.

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK,  
*Pastor, Park Avenue Baptist Church.*

I have the greatest possible interest and sympathy in your work. It was necessary—it was economical—it was so essentially human and practical—and to my mind was above all else a noble example to all the world who saw it of what Christianity today really stands for. Your work appealed to me intensely.

DR. WILFRED T. GRENFELL,  
*Medical Missionary, Labrador.*

Since the war, Near East Relief has been of outstanding, if not the most outstanding widespread service in continuing the opportunities for development of the lessons of self-sacrifice. The Golden Rule Sunday plan is the best of the remaining elements of this service as it appears to some of us. It is true that the amount of self-denial that it calls for is very, very small. It might well be much larger but it does serve to keep constantly before the people the idea which underlies it.

OTIS W. CALDWELL,  
*Director, Lincoln School.*

#### THE VICE-PRESIDENT COMPLIMENTS WORK IN NEAR EAST

Vice-President Dawes says: "You are doing a great work. I am confident that the American people will stand by until the orphan children under your care shall be prepared for self-support."

Golden Rule Sunday provides the way, observe it!

Just before he died President Harding broadcast to his countrymen and all the people of the earth this message: "The world needs more of the spirit of Christ; and if we could bring into the relationships of humanity among ourselves and among the nations of the world the brotherhood that was taught by Christ, we would have

restored a world, we would have little or none of war and we would have a new hope of humanity throughout the earth."

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The observance of International Golden Rule Sunday should prove as inspiring to those who give in America as beneficial to those who receive overseas.

JOHN W. DAVIS.

The observance of the day can hardly fail to create a more sympathetic understanding between peoples and thus help us to progress a step further toward world peace.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

## XXXIV

### TYPICAL CHURCH ENDORSEMENTS

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.

•The General Assembly reaffirms its endorsement of the work of Near East Relief, with its constructive program of training children in religious, educational and social advancement; requests the Assembly's agencies to continue to cooperate with the Near East Relief organization, and commends the work to its ministers and Churches; urges wide observance of December 5, 1926, or some nearby date, as Golden Rule Sunday.

#### NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Committee recommends continued support of the work of Near East Relief by our churches until America's full responsibility for these children shall have been discharged.

The Committee further voices its conviction that in its Golden Rule Sunday campaign, Near East Relief is rendering service of real value to all Christian work. The constant, world-wide insistence on the Golden Rule as a practical principle of life is a significant and worth while piece of service to the Kingdom of God.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (SOUTH)

Resolved, That the General Conference approve the work of its Advisory Committee on Near East Relief in its aid to that benevolent organization in formulating the principles on which the work is proceeding, in bringing our people the knowledge of that work, and in giving us the opportunity to contribute to it. It is an opportunity to repay part of the debt that our country and people owe to the land which gave us the Bible and our Saviour.

We recommend that the present Advisory Committee be continued, to cooperate with the Near East Relief in its community campaigns and Golden Rule observance and in formulation of plans and policies, and that it be given power to add to its membership as it may see fit.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

•Resolved, That the cause of Near East Relief be again commended to the people of our churches for continued prayers and gifts.

That the churches be urged to the home observance of Golden Rule Sunday, which has now become an international institution.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION

Resolved, That we commend most heartily the great, heroic and sacrificial work accomplished in the conservation of life in the Near East through Near East Relief.

That we commend to our constituencies throughout the continent the idea of International Golden Rule Sunday and its observance. We believe it to have great educational and spiritual values in that it gives to our children and young people high ideals of international relationships and of Christian benevolence.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES (SOUTH)

Resolved, 1. That we renew endorsement of this great cause.

2. That a committee of cooperation be reappointed by the Assembly representing our Synods.

3. That cooperation in the Observance of Golden Rule Day be recommended to all our churches, and that the plan of undertaking the individual support of an orphan at \$100 per year be called to the attention of our people of means.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Through commendable interdenominational cooperation a generation of orphaned children, saved from starvation and disease, are being trained in mind and hand, in character and religion, for self-support, good citizenship and future leadership under the careful administration of Near East Relief operating under a charter from the United States Congress.

This is an international reconstruction and a practical missionary enterprise without sectarian propaganda which should be continued during the tender years of the children and which should be extended to other helpless children as these arrive at the age and condition of self-support.

The International Convention of Disciples of Christ therefore commends the cooperation of its pastors, Sunday School superintendents, editors and other officials and members, and requests that they continue their generous support. We further authorize the President to continue the Advisory Committee to assist Near East Relief in its future plans, including Community Campaigns and the International Observance of the Golden Rule Sunday.

## GENERAL ELDERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN NORTH AMERICA

The General Eldership of the Churches of God rejoices to hear of the favorable development of the work in Bible Lands under the administration of Near East Relief and approves particularly the constructive training of the orphans for educational, vocational and religious leadership in the coming generation.

The orphans who remain in the institutions will need the continued support of our churches and Sabbath Schools until they reach the age and condition of self-support. We commend this therefore to our pastors, superintendents, editors and other officials.

We rejoice in the renewed missionary opportunity that has developed through the work of Near East Relief and in the religious educational value of its presentation in American churches and schools.

• We approve the Golden Rule Observance.

## PROVINCIAL ELDER'S CONFERENCE, MORAVIAN CHURCH

The issuing of the usual annual Near East Relief letter over the signature of Brother de Schweinitz by the Near East Relief office with reference to Golden Rule Sunday to be observed on the first Sunday in December was authorized.

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## NATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

The following are among the organizations of national importance that have endorsed or otherwise given important cooperation in securing the increasingly general observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. The sympathetic support and active cooperation of local representatives and leaders of these organizations can usually be depended upon by the local committee.

AGRICULTURAL		Membership
National Grange .....		700,000
BUSINESS		
International Kiwanis Clubs.....		108,000
Rotary Clubs International.....		95,000
Lions Clubs International.....		46,334
Civitan Clubs International.....		22,400
National Exchange Clubs.....		17,800
CHURCH		
Advent Christian Church.....		28,297
Adventist, Seventh Day (Quadrennial), World Conference.....		104,405
Armenian Evangelical Union.....		23,000
Baptist National Convention.....		3,137,160
Baptist, Northern Convention.....		1,284,764
Baptist Seventh Day, General Conference.....		7,591
Baptist, Southern, Convention.....		3,494,189
Baptist Swedish, General Conference.....		
Brethren, General Conference (Conservative).....		110,000
Brethren, Progressive, General Conference.....		19,228
Catholic .....		
Pope Pius XI, Achille Ratti.		
Rt. Rev. Mgr. R. Barry Doyle.		
Cardinal Mercier.		
Cardinal O'Connell.		
Cardinal Dougherty.		
Archbishop Austin Dowling.		
Archbishop Michael J. Curley.		
Christian Church, General Conference.....		103,091
Church of God, General Ministerial Assembly.....		22,394
Churches of God in North America, General Eldership.....		26,965
Community Churches.....		
Congregational Churches, National Council.....		357,846
Disciples of Christ, International Convention.....		1,383,247
Evangelical Church, National.....		200,962
Episcopal Church, National Council.....		1,128,859

	<i>Membership</i>
Friends, Orthodox .....	95,128
Federal Council of Churches.....	
International Missionary Union.....	
Lutheran, United Church in America.....	810,816
Mennonite Church .....	34,554
Methodist Episcopal Church, General Conference.....	4,843,170
Methodist Episcopal Church, South, General Conference.....	2,433,743
Methodist Primitive Church, General Conference.....	10,494
Methodist Protestant Church, General Conference.....	186,343
Methodist Free Church, General Conference.....	32,053
Moravian Church, General Conference.....	23,716
Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., General Assembly.....	1,803,593
Presbyterian Church in U. S., General Assembly.....	428,292
Presbyterian Reformed Church, General Synod.....	2,400
Presbyterian, United Church, General Assembly.....	164,996
Presbyterian, Cumberland Church, General Assembly.....	65,469
Reformed Church in U. S. General Synod.....	341,693
Reformed Church in America, General Synod.....	143,543
Reformed Episcopal Church.....	1,128,859
Unitarian Churches, General Conference.....	111,476
United Brethren in Christ Church, General Conference.....	374,762
United Stewardship Council.....	
Universalist Church, General Convention.....	46,775
World Alliance for International Friendship.....	

## COMMERCIAL

National Association of Retail Grocers.....	30,000
International Advertising Association.....	25,000
American Bankers Association.....	23,000
National Association of Retail Druggists.....	15,000
National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.....	5,709
National Wholesale Grocers of the U. S. (Association).....	1,500
Men's Apparel Club and Retail Clothiers Association.....	500
Paper Trade Association of the United States.....	400
Boot and Shoe Manufacturers of the United States.....	375
National Cannery Association.....	
Macaroni Manufacturers Association, National.....	

## FRATERNAL

National Fraternal Congress of America.....	10,195,017
Modern Woodmen of America.....	1,121,019
Knights of Columbus.....	771,955
Royal Neighbors of America.....	500,492
Independent Order Brith Sholom.....	139,622
Woodmen of the World.....	138,605
Knights of Pythias.....	87,436
Odd Fellows.....	21,036
Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.....	
Foresters of America.....	
Fraternal Order of Eagles.....	
Gideons .....	
Red Men.....	

## Membership

Fraternal Order of Orioles.....		
Masonic Blue Lodges, Endorsements of 11 states.....		
Knights Templar, Endorsements of 3 states.....		
National Imperial Council of Shriners.....		
National Tall Cedars of Lebanon.....		
National League of Masonic Clubs.....		
Order of the Amaranth, 1 local Endorsement.....		
		Masonic

## LABOR

American Federation of Labor.....	3,500,000
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.....	
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.....	178,938
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.....	117,580
International Typographical Union.....	70,000
Rice Millers Association.....	
Association of Operative Millers.....	

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Advent Christian, Sunday School Council.....	24,141
Baptist, Publication Society (Northern).....	1,098,873
Baptist, Seventh Day Sabbath School Board.....	6,091
Christian Church, Christian Education Department.....	94,079
Congregational Education Society.....	779,753
Disciples of Christ, Dept. of Religious Education.....	1,170,148
Evangelical Church, Board of Sunday Schools.....	320,727
Evangelical Synod of N. A., Board of Religious Education.....	177,706
International Council of Religious Education.....	
Methodist Episcopal, Board of Sunday Schools.....	4,857,429
Methodist Episcopal, South, General S. S. Board.....	2,163,734
Methodist Protestant, Board of Y. P.'s Work.....	202,741
Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Board of Christian Education.....	1,513,490
Presbyterian Church, U. S., Committee on Publication.....	404,380
Protestant Episcopal Church, Dept. of Rel. Education.....	492,436
Reformed Church, U. S. Publication and S. S. Board.....	368,708
Reformed Church in America, Board of Pub. and Bible School....	140,453
Unitarian Sunday School Society.....	22,060
United Brethren, Board of Control of S. S. Bro. and Y. P.....	429,031
Universalist Church, General S. S. Association.....	58,442
World's Sunday School Association.....	

## WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

## BUSINESS

National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs..	35,000
National Women's Div., International Advertising Association....	
International Women's Auxiliary of Typographical Union.....	

## EDUCATIONAL

National Congress of Parents and Teachers.....	530,500
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## FRATERNAL

National Rebekah Assemblies.....	
Ladies of the Maccabees.....	54,890
General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.....	2,000,000

## GENERAL

General Federation of Women's Clubs.....	2,500,000
National Council of Women.....	10,000,000
Daughters of the American Revolution.....	135,301



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## PATRIOTIC

### Membership

Daughters of 1812.....	6,000
Women's Relief Corps.....	220,000
Daughters of Veterans.....	
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.....	

## RELIGIOUS

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.....	400,000
International King's Daughters and Sons.....	70,000
National Council of Jewish Women.....	48,000
Lend-a-Hand Society.....	

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S

Y. M. C. A.....	
Y. W. C. A. Executive Committee.....	
Baptist Young People's Union of America.....	
Board of Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church.....	
International Christian Endeavor Union.....	
Young People's Christian Union.....	
National Federation of Episcopal Young People.....	

## SUMMARY OF NATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

Agricultural .....	700,000
Business .....	289,534
Church .....	24,986,908
Commercial .....	101,484
Fraternal .....	12,975,182
Labor .....	3,866,518
Sunday Schools .....	14,324,422

## WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Business .....	35,000
Educational .....	530,500
Fraternal .....	2,054,890
General .....	12,500,000
Patriotic .....	361,301
Religious .....	518,000

Membership not eliminating duplication—Total..... 73,279,704

Membership of many other organizations not known.

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## STATE OFFICES OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

ALABAMA: Atlanta Trust Co. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.  
 ARIZONA: Wright & Callendar Building, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 ARKANSAS: 37 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Regional office.)  
 CALIFORNIA (North): Mills Building, San Francisco.  
 (South): Wright & Callendar Building, Los Angeles.  
 COLORADO: Central National Bank Bldg., Topeka, Kansas.  
 CONNECTICUT: Hartford Trust Co. Building, Hartford.  
 DELAWARE: Cor. Broad & Locust Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Bond Building, New York Ave.  
 FLORIDA: Atlanta Trust Co. Building, Atlanta, Ga. (Regional office.)  
 GEORGIA: Atlanta Trust Co. Building, Atlanta.  
 IDAHO: Stock Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon.  
 ILLINOIS: 37 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago.  
 INDIANA: 528 Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 IOWA: Baldrige Building, 20th and Farnum Sts., Omaha.  
 KANSAS: Central National Bank Building, Topeka.  
 KENTUCKY: 31 Urban Building, Louisville.  
 LOUISIANA: 710 Louisiana Bldg., New Orleans, La.  
 MAINE: 80 Exchange St., Portland.  
 MARYLAND: Bond Bldg., New York Ave., Washington, D. C.  
 MASSACHUSETTS: Little Building, Boston.  
 MICHIGAN: 1105 Stroh Building, Detroit.  
 MINNESOTA: Northwestern Building, 322 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis.  
 MISSISSIPPI: 710 Louisiana Bldg., New Orleans, La.  
 MISSOURI (East): 37 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 (West): Scarritt Building, Kansas City.  
 MONTANA: Stock Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon.  
 NEBRASKA: Baldrige Building, 20th & Farnum Sts., Omaha.  
 NEVADA: Mills Building, San Francisco, Calif.  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE: Amoskeag Bank Building, Manchester.  
 NEW JERSEY: Chamber of Commerce Building, Newark.  
 NEW MEXICO: Central National Bank Bldg., Topeka, Kansas. (Regional office.)  
 NEW YORK: 151 Fifth Ave., New York City.  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Realty Building, Charlotte.  
 NORTH DAKOTA: Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 OHIO: The 1900 Euclid Building, Cleveland.  
 OKLAHOMA: Central National Bank Bldg., Topeka, Kansas. (Regional office.)  
 OREGON: Stock Exchange Building, Portland.  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Cor. Broad & Locust Sts., Philadelphia.  
*Pittsburgh District:* Renshaw Building, Pittsburgh.  
 RHODE ISLAND: 56 Washington St., Providence.  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: 39 Equitable Arcade, Columbia.  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 TENNESSEE: Atlanta Trust Co. Building, Atlanta, Ga.  
 TEXAS: 710 Louisiana Bldg., New Orleans, La.  
 UTAH: Stock Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon.  
 VERMONT: Amoskeag Bank Building, Manchester, N. H.  
 VIRGINIA: American National Bank Building, Richmond.

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WASHINGTON: Burke Building, Seattle.

WEST VIRGINIA: State St. Bank Building, Charleston.

WISCONSIN: 37 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WYOMING: Central National Bank Bldg., Topeka, Kansas. (Regional office.)

HAWAII Committee: Hawaiian Trust Co., Treas., Honolulu.

ALASKA Committee: Juneau.

EUROPEAN Headquarters: 15 Blvd. des Italiens, Paris.

NATIONAL Headquarters: 151 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.



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